



*Scoil Íde Presentation Primary School,
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Dear Parents,

Here are a few items for your attention:

1. School Walk

Our school walk will take place this coming Wednesday, 10th October weather permitting. If the weather is bad the walk will be re-scheduled to a later date. Please note that we have an online payment system in place for our walk this year. Payments can be made at parents' convenience with a suggested minimum amount of €10. If you have not received the link, please contact the school. Thanks to those parents who have already paid.

2. Substitute Teachers:

The school is finding it extremely difficult to get substitute teachers. There is a shortage of substitute teachers, especially in the Dublin area. Therefore if a teacher is absent, we may have no choice but to split a class. We realise this is unsatisfactory, but due to the lack of subs, we may have no choice. Children who are taken home by parents will be marked absent. We ask for your understanding, we always try to do everything we can to get a substitute teacher to avoid splitting children.

3. Sacrament Dates

First Communion this year will be organised directly by the Church. Dates will be chosen by Parents. Confirmation will take place on Wednesday, May 29th, 2019, at 11:00am.

4. School Closures

School will be **closed for all pupils on Friday 26th October 2018** due to the Presidential Election. The school will also be closed for Mid-Term break from **Monday 29th October 2018 to Friday 2nd November 2018**. We will re-open for all students on Monday 5th November 2018.

5. Parent Teacher Meetings

The Parent Teacher Meetings will take place **November 28th and 29th**, from 2:45pm. You will receive an appointment time closer to those dates.

6. Absences

The school is required to remove children from the School Roll if they reach 20 days consecutive absence. If children go on holidays during the school year, this may reach 20 days consecutive absence and they will be removed from school roll, as per NEWB Policy. Children who are removed will have to re-enrol on return and places cannot be guaranteed. There may be a charge, as per our Data Protection Policy, for retrieval of data. If your child is absent from school, please let us know the reason. All absences are recorded, with the reason. Parents receive a text at 15 days absence, as a courtesy and at 20 days absence informing them that their child will be reported to the NEWB. The school has no discretion in this matter. Our Education Welfare Officer meets with the

Principal regularly to discuss absences. Please inform us of any absences, by email or phone.

7. Junior Infant/6th Class Photos

Junior Infant photos will be taken on **Tuesday 23rd October 2018**. The photographer will send home a proof photo of your child with a link to his website to purchase photos online. *The school will not collect photograph money this year*. Please send your child to school on the day in full school uniform, not tracksuit. 6th class commemorative photos will also be taken, girls should also wear full school uniform, not tracksuits

8. Lunches

The school cannot supply lunches to children who have forgotten theirs. We do not have spare lunches & we cannot share lunches due to the risk of anaphylaxis. Please ensure your child has a lunch. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

9. Annual A.G.M

Our annual Scoil Íde Parents' A.G.M. will take place next Tuesday 16th October at 9am. Further details will follow from our Parents' Association.

10. Retirement

After 39 years of loyal service to our school community, Ms. Costelloe has decided to retire. She will not return after our Halloween mid-term break. Her retirement is a huge loss to Scoil Íde however we are happy for her as she begins a new phase of her life. On your behalf, I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all her work in our school. We will miss you Ms. Costelloe.

11. Leaving

Ms. Lee is also leaving Scoil Íde to take up a post nearer her family. We are sorry to lose her but know that she will be a success in her new school.

12. Enrolments 2019/20

Parents wishing to enrol their child for September 2019 can contact the school for details on how to enrol.

Yours Sincerely,

O. Ní Odhráin,
Principal.