

Code of Behaviour / Anti Bullying Policy

Complaints Procedure: Procedures for raising a concern or bringing a complaint about a behavioural matter.

- Parents/guardians should bring matter to the attention of the class teacher.
- If dissatisfied with the outcome, parents should bring the matter verbally to the Principal.
- If parents/guardians feel the matter is not resolved they should verbally contact the chair person of the Board of Management.
- Parents/guardians should put their concerns to the Board of Management, in writing, if they feel unhappy with the resolution of the issue.

Change of Lunch Time.

We recently changed the time of lunch in St. Mochullas. Lunch time now runs from 12:45 to 1:15 instead of 12:20 to 12:50.

School uniforms.

We would like to remind children that full school uniform should be worn every day except on P.E. day.

Dates for your Calendar.

The boys and girls in 6th class will receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year on Saturday March 21st at 11am. The children in 2nd class will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday May 16th. The start of year school mass will take place on Wednesday September 24th at 11am. There will be a prayer service for Junior and Senior infants to mark the start of the school year. Parents will be advised of prayer service details via text.

St. Mochullas Parents Association.

Here in St. Mochullas we are extremely fortunate to have a very vibrant and active Parents Association. The Parents Association contribute enormously to the life of St. Mochullas. They run functions for the children of Holy Communion and Confirmation classes each year. It plays a vital role in helping to fundraise each year through the Cash For Clobber initiative. Thanks to the parents association the children returned to school to beautiful bright new yard markings.

If there is an activity you would like to see the Parent Association involved in please contact any member of the committee with your ideas.

Cait Gallagher – 087 7800 382

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ST. MOCHULLA'S NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our school newsletter. On behalf of the staff of St. Mochullas, I am delighted to welcome you to the 2014-15 school year! Whether you are returning for another year or attending St. Mochullas for the first time we hope that the year ahead will be a productive and happy year for you all and for your children. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure all the children attending St. Mochullas can achieve their highest potential. If throughout the year you wish to discuss any issue relevant to your child's education, please contact the office at 065-6835840.

Le gach dea mhéin,

Brian Culloo

September Birthday Parade.

Happy birthday to the following people :

Jack Benson, Diarmuid Boyce , Ailbhe Wrafter, Alison McCarthy, Conor McCarthy, Donal Sheedy, Aoibhinn O Mahony, Molly Higgins, Ava Crowe, Holly Regan, Allanah Crowe, Evan McGrath, Sophie Murphy, Jamie Cullinan, Aoibhinn O Neill, Stephen Moloney, Joey Huang, Lauren Moriarty, Saoirse Freeman, Sean Withycombe, Mark Malone, Tadhg Floyd, Kiera Sharpe, Owen Clarke, Eoghan McEntee, Saoirse O Connor, Oisín Fraser, Eoghan Kinsella, Feidhlim Kelly-Harrington, Jimmy O Gorman, Evan Byrnes, Dara Ryan

Some Words of Wisdom.

Life is a school. Those who learn to love, respect and help others graduate with honours.

Welcome to our new Junior Infants.

Monday September the 1st was a very exciting day for the following boys and girls Cathal Rochford, Cillian O'Neill, Evan McGrath, Jason Moroney, Kacper Blicharz, Milo Leyden, Mochulla Donovan, Nikolai Belenko, Seán Murphy, Tom Moroney, Amy Byrnes, Hannah Tuohy, Hazel O'Mahony, Holly Leyden, Kayla Curtis, Mollie McMahon, Molly McConnologue, Naomi Hogan, Niamh Liddy, Zina Tuohy, Adam Cantillon, Alex Moroney, Brian Conheady, Eric Cronin, Evan Collins-McCarthy, Joshua Peer, Morgan Culloo, Oisín O'Mahony, Patrick Foley, Patrick Murphy, Brid Óg Hayes, Cassidy O'Brien, Ciara Donnellan, Clodagh Murphy, Faith Freeman, Kate Higgins, Sadhbh Cooney, Zoe Quinn and Éabha McNamara.

Welcome also to Conor O'Neill in 6th class, Daniel Humphries in 2nd class and Nicole Komissarova in Senior Infants.

Welcome to new members of staff.

We welcome Ms. Lorraine Canavan and Ms. Ailish O'Neill as new members of staff to St. Mochullas .

We hope you will all be very happy with us here in St. Mochullas.

Parking.

In the interest of the health and safety of all the children in St. Mochullas, we ask that you please observe the following:

- Park on school side of road **ONLY** so as to avoid children having to cross the road.
- The bus bay is for busses only but may be used as a drop off zone only when busses have departed.
- Please enter the bus bay via the entrance furthest from the school gate.
- Please observe the set down only area and the no parking zone (immediately outside school).

Entering/exiting the school

All children are asked to enter and exit the school grounds through the main gate **only**. The car park entrance is for cars and bicycles only. **Children must not be walked through the car park**. Those cycling to school should dismount their bikes on entering the school grounds.

- **It is most important that this message is given to those who bring your child to school.**

Personal Accident Insurance - Allianz.

The Personal Accident Insurance provider is Allianz. This policy offers cover for children at a cost of €7 per child. This offers 24hour/365days a year cover. This cover will meet medical expenses. A full policy statement is available from the office. It is strongly recommended that you avail of this insurance cover.

Credit Union

The local chapter of the St. Francis Credit Union visits this school every Friday. They will start back this Friday 19th September for existing members. Application forms will be available for any child who may wish to join the Credit Union.

Family contributions

A voluntary family contribution towards Art and Crafts, photocopying and Accelerated Reader is asked at this time of year. A guideline of €20 per child (Juniors, Seniors and First Class) and €30 per child for all other classes with a maximum of €60 per family is requested.

Please be reminded that throughout the year, finance should never prohibit any child from participating in any school related events.

Please contact the office in this regard.

Education Welfare Act

The school is obliged by legislation to inform the Education Welfare Officer when a child has been absent for 20 days in a school year. If your child is absent from school, it is necessary for you to provide the following information **in writing, to the class teacher, the date(s) in which your child was absent and the reason for his/her absence.** For your convenience, there are pre printed notes at the back of the school journal. Where a child has been absent for 20 days, parents will be notified by the school.

Labelling of Clothing

Please ensure your child's clothing and other items are clearly labelled to minimise the amount of lost property that accumulates in the school each year.

We would like to remind you of the following school policies regarding:

Jewellery

To ensure safety and to eliminate the risk of injury during P.E, jewellery should **not** be worn by pupils during the school day. This includes earrings and chains.

Mobile phones

Pupils are only permitted to bring mobile phones to school for use in an emergency type situation. These phones will be kept in the office during the course of the school day. The school cannot accept responsibility for the safe-keeping of mobile phones brought to school.

Birthday Party Invitations

You are asked not to distribute birthday invitations via the school. It is very difficult to explain to children why they might be excluded from a party. Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated.

Visitors Log. This is to record when a child leaves school **during** the school day. Always sign when collecting your child. These logs are located near the office and at the classrooms.

Children are not allowed to leave the school grounds during the school day unless collected by a parent or guardian and must be collected from their classroom door.