

**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 chairperson 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.

#### **Dates for your Calendar.**

Start of year school mass will take place in the church on Tuesday October 2nd at 11am. The children in 2nd class will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday May 11th at 11am. The date for Confirmation is Sunday February 10th at 11am.

#### **Green Schools.**

St. Mochulla's is a Green School. We are currently working on the theme "Global Citizenship—The Marine Environment". Our Green Schools Committee are working very diligently to ensure that we secure our 7th Green Flag.

#### **Cross Country and Gaelic Football**

Boy's and girl's from 2nd to 6th class are currently very busy training for the Clare Primary Schools Cross Country championships which will take place on Tuesday September 25th in Lee's Rd. Boys and girls from 4th, 5th and 6th are also currently preparing for the Clare Cumann na mBunscol football competitions which take place over the coming weeks.

#### **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 the Holy Communion and Confirmation classes each year. The 6th class graduation function was another memorable occasion facilitated by our parents association. It plays a vital role in helping to fundraise each year through the Cash For Clobber and other invaluable fundraising initiatives. The first meeting of the new year will take place over the coming weeks and we encourage as many parents to attend as possible—all ideas and help greatly appreciated. The current committee of SMPA is Mickey Donnellan (Chairperson) Vice Chair and PRO: Christine O'Brien, Joint Secretaries: Fiona Cunningham and Ciara Griffin, Treasurer: Bríd Sheedy.

**The AGM of St. Mochulla's Parents Association will take place on Monday September 24th at 8pm in the halla. All parents are welcome to attend**

**If you would like more information about St. Mochulla's Parent Association please contact any member of the committee with your ideas.**

**Email [smparentsassoc@gmail.com](mailto:smparentsassoc@gmail.com) or text 087 7859119**

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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 2018-19 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 :

Gus Sheehy, Sadbh Higgins, Billy McPartland, Aimee O Hanlon, Charlie Moroney, Saoirse McGreevy, TJ Ringrose, Zoey Sandford, Padraic Fitzgearld, Meadhbh Hely, Jack Benson, Diarmuid Boyce, Patrick McPartland, Molly Higgins, Ava Crowe, Evan McGrath, Sophie Murphy, Jamie Cullinan, Aoibhinn O'Neill, Ryan Leyden, Lauren Moriarty, Ethan Callaghan, Mark Malone, Oisín Frazer, Evan Byrnes, Gabriella Callaghan

#### **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 3rd was a very exciting day for the following boys and girls: Odin Boland Trussell, Matthew Boyce, Caoimhe Boyce, Lorcan Callan, Finn Curtis, Anna Dawson, Isabelle Del Valle, Ruadhán Fogarty, Sadbh Higgins, Oran Keane, Saoirse Leamy, Mia Leyden, Eve Madden, John Maguire, Felix McAdam O'Connell, Marcus McCarthy, Sean McInerney, Emma McInerney, Ryan McNamara, Conal McNamara, Billy McPartland, Karina Moloney, Conall Ó Murchú, Gemma Murphy, Faye Murphy, Sophie O'Connor, Aimee O'Hanlon, Aisling O'Neill, Jasmine O'Sullivan, Sam Punch, Alex Purcell, Jack Reidy, Louis Ringrose, Rian Robert, Oran Rodgers, Kate Ruane, Gus Sheehy, Jason Walsh, Leo Walshe, & Alex Yorke.

Welcome also to our new students throughout the school: Lia & Caylin Crilly, Ethan & Gabriella Callaghan, Liam Murphy, Paddy McPartland and Niamh McMahon.

### **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.
- Both bus bays must be kept clear but may be used as a **drop off zone only** when buses 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 should enter and exit the school grounds through the main gate **only**. The car park entrance is for cars 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 these instructions are given to those who bring your child to school.**

### **Walking and cycling to school.**

If your child is walking or cycling to school please speak to them about the importance of road safety. Please ensure they wear a hi-viz jacket and helmet if cycling.

### **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. It is strongly recommended that you avail of this insurance cover.

Visit [www.allianz.ie/other\\_products/schools/pupil-personal-accident/](http://www.allianz.ie/other_products/schools/pupil-personal-accident/) for more information on this scheme.

### **Addresses and phone numbers.**

Please let us know if you have changed your address or phone contact number. It is essential that we have up to date contact details for all children.

### **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.

### **Credit Union**

The local chapter of the St. Francis Credit Union visits this school every Friday. The initial joining process must take place at the branch office, thereafter saving is encouraged every Friday.

### **Family contributions**

A voluntary family contribution towards Art and Crafts, photocopying and Accelerated Reader is asked at this time of year. A guideline of €30 per child 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**

Schools are obliged by law under The Education (Welfare) Act 2000 to submit reports on school attendance to the Educational Welfare Services of The Child and Family Agency. (TUSLA) The school is obliged by legislation to inform TUSLA 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.

### **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.**

**Homework.** You are requested to check homework and sign your child's school diary daily.

**School uniform:** We would like to remind children that full school uniform, including a tie is expected to be worn every day except on P.E. day. Ties are available to buy from the office at a cost of €4.