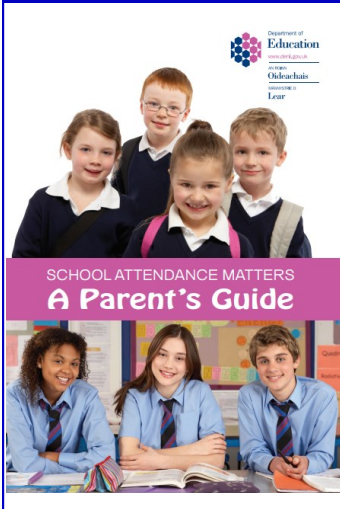




St Brigid's Newsletter

September 2017



Good attendance is a very important ingredient for a child to sustain progress in school. Please make every effort to ensure that your child has the best attendance possible at school throughout the year. Any absence should be explained in a short note to the teacher on the child's return to school or by phoning the school. The Education Welfare Officer monitors attendance and may deem it necessary to contact parents if she has concern over the amount of days absent or patterns of absences on certain days. Could I ask you to ensure that the children are into school in good time in the mornings ready to begin the school day at 9:00am.

I would like to remind you that Breakfast Club opens at 8:15am each morning with last orders at 8:45am. There is no cost for children on free school meals. For children not on free school meals the cost remains at 50p. If you feel you are entitled to free school meals please request a form from the secretary's office. Even if it would not be your intention at this stage for your child to avail of the free school meals and uniform grant to which they are entitled, it is still important that you register your entitlement as soon as possible.



The road at the front of the school is very busy at drop-off times in the morning and pick-up times in the afternoon. Please drive slowly at these times and constantly remind the children of the need for vigilance when near traffic. Could I also remind you not to park on the zig-zag yellow lines at the front of the school as this obscures the views of pedestrians and traffic alike. I would also ask that you have due consideration for residents of Plantation Park and Rathkeltair Park by not parking across or too near to the entrance to their homes.

Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.

Please continue to check at regular intervals that the various items of uniform are clearly marked with the child's name. I would also ask that a white T-shirt and blue shorts are sent in for PE. These can be kept in school and will be sent home at various times for washing.



Please note we will not be accepting the round £1 coin from



The Annual Book Fair will run from Tuesday 26th September until Friday 29th September and will be open from 2:00pm until 3:30pm each day from Tuesday to Thursday and from 2:00 to 2:30pm on Friday 29th.

I would like to extend a special well done to our new Primary 1 pupils who have settled in so well into their new school.



Dates for Your Diary

School Photographer

Tuesday 17th October

Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 27th October (children off)

Mid term break

Monday 30th October - 3rd November

Church holiday

8th December

Christmas holiday

Friday 22nd December, children finish at 11am,



Class Assemblies

P3/4 6th October P3 13th October
 P2 20th October P4 26th October
 P5/6 10th November P5 17th November
 P6 1st December

School Mass Dates

Sept 11th
 Oct 9th
 Nov 13th
 Dec 11th



Road of Hope Shoebox Appeal

Following on from the success of last year's Shoebox Appeal we are again taking part in this year's appeal. This involves our children bringing in items which can be packed into a shoebox as a Christmas gift for very needy children (A separate leaflet gives examples of what sort of item's to send in). So that the shoeboxes reach their destination in time for Christmas, our appeal will end at Halloween. The children will pack any donated item's into shoe boxes in school ready for collection. Thank you for your support.

Child Protection Information

St Brigid's Safeguarding team consists of -

Mr B Smyth

(chairperson of the Board of Governors)

Mrs P Martin

(Designated Governor for Child Protection)

Ms A Lloyd

(Designated Teacher for Child Protection)

Mr P Artherton

(Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection)

Mrs C McCavera

(ICT Co-ordinator)