

January Newsletter

Upcoming Events

16 February In-Service Training (1/2 Day) See note below.

21 – 25 February (inclusive)- Mid-term

17 & 18 March – St Patrick's Day Break

11–22 April inclusive – Easter Break

02 May – May Bank Holiday

03-06 June inclusive – June Bank Holiday

30 June – School Closes for Summer Break

http://www.stpatricksns.ie/school_closures_2.php

Primary Language Curriculum In-Service Training

The next in-service day this year for our teachers to engage with the new Primary Language Curriculum will take place on **Wednesday February 16th**. As per Department of Education instructions, this day will be a half day for the children. On this day the children will finish at 11.30 (8.30 Start) or 11.45 (8.45 Start).

Personal Devices

Smart watches with phone, messaging, camera functions or games are not permitted in school. Please refer to our Mobile Phone Policy which is available to view on www.stpatricksns.ie

Communicating with Teachers

Please note Seesaw app is for assigning and posting work only and should not be used as a means of communicating with teachers.

As class teachers we receive a large volume of student interactions through Seesaw and an important parental query may be missed. For this reason (as per our 'Home School Communication' policy).

Should you wish to contact a class teacher, please email info@stpatricksns.ie ensuring that you include your **child's name and class teacher** in the message.

FREE Aladdin Connect App

Our school uses Aladdin Schools Connect to communicate with parents/guardians of children in our classes. *In order for Aladdin Schools Connect to work properly, both parents must download the app and register themselves individually. **If both parents log into the one account with different devices, only the first parent to log in will see Noticeboard Notifications.***

Please see www.aladdin.ie/connect_app_faqs to help you Install and Use the App to its full advantage.

Aladdin Connect is a fantastic way to enhance a school's communication with parents. It enables parents to stay connected and informed about their child's education by:

- Ensuring that the school has their most **up to date contact information**
- Keeping parents up to date on **school and classroom news** via noticeboard messages, texts and emails.
- Allowing parents to view their child's approved **report card**.
- **School reports can only be accessed through the App.**

Along with strengthening our home/school partnership, we also envisage that by downloading the Aladdin Connect App on your phone or tablet, you are:

- Helping to reduce the amount of **class/school notes being sent home**
- Helping the school/ teachers **communicate** with parents when the need arises
- **Reducing costs** by eliminating the need to send school report cards by post.
- **Reducing costs** by reducing the number of text messages that need to be sent.

You can rest reassured that Aladdin Schools uses state-of-the-art security to safeguard information entered by the school and data is stored and processed in strict compliance with Irish and European data protection laws.

School Insurance

The School Insurance company is Allianz and your child is covered under a 24/7 Pupil Insurance Policy. For more information, see www.allianz.ie/otherproducts/schools. Claim forms are available through the school office.

Letters of Attendance for Child Benefit, Travel Visa & Citizenship Letters

We would ask that if you require Letters of Attendance for Child Benefit, Travel, Visa, or Citizenship purposes for your child/children, that you give the office **as much advance notice as possible**. Please email your request to info@stpatricksns.ie stating the purpose of the letter and please include your child/children's names.

Blast (Bringing Live Art To Students And Teachers)

Juliette taught us about the Chinese Zodiac and how the animals did a race and what places they came in. Juliette is a great teacher . She is so nice and even in the first lesson we learned loads. Our favourite part was the acting, it was where we got to act three or more animals and we had to act those three animals without words. We got so lucky to have her.

Written by Saoirse and Sadie, Ms McTague's 4th Class

Covid

Please email the school when notifying Covid cases instead of phoning. By emailing, we have a written record of the case and details.

Reminders

Staff Car Park

Parents are not permitted to park in the car park at any time during the school day. The only exception is dropping or collecting disabled or injured children. We would be grateful if you could also inform *anyone who may be collecting your child/children on your behalf* of this procedure.

If you are returning to the school to drop off forgotten lunches, schoolbags, etc. during the school day, please park in the bus stop area and enter via the Pedestrian Gate. (Please close gates after you leave). Please note that children are not permitted to enter the school via the Staff Car park. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Safety Notice re Dropping Off/Collecting

Please note the following important safety points:

- People may stop momentarily adjacent to the Bus parking area to drop off/collect their children.
- Please move as far up as possible on that stretch (to the gate past the pedestrian entrance) so that six or seven cars can drop off/collect at the same time. Please follow the instructions of the caretaker on duty.

- ***For their safety, children should be dropped off /collected only on the school side of the road.***
- ***Please do not stop on the main roundabout.***
- Please also note that parents are not permitted to park in the Staff Car Park when dropping or collecting children. If you are returning to the school to drop off forgotten lunches, schoolbags, etc., we would ask that you park in the **bus stop area** and enter via the Pedestrian Gate. (Please close gates after you leave)

Dogs outside school grounds

As you are aware, under no circumstances should dogs ever be brought on to school grounds. We would also ask that if you are bringing your dog with you at drop off/collection times, please keep your dog on their leash and away from the entrance and pedestrian ramp. Please bear in mind that younger children (and some adults) could be afraid/nervous of dogs.

Diswellstown Community & Recreation Centre Activities and Local Community Activities

CASTLEKNOCK CELTIC FC

Children's Academy for Boys & Girls Ages 4-7 years. Restarts Sat 12th February 2022

9.30-10.30am Porterstown Park

FIRST WEEK FREE

New Members Very Welcome. "Learn the basics in a fun environment"

Text Kieran at 086-8091699 for more information