

# St. Patrick's N.S

Harbour Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin  
www.stpatricksnsdalkey.ie T: 012803647

Dear Parents/Guardians

It is hard to believe that we are almost at midterm break. Thank to you to everyone for your continued support and understanding as we have settled into another school year.

## Hallowe'en & Midterm

We will be inviting the children to dress up in their Hallowe'en costumes on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October which will be the last day of school before midterm. We look forward to seeing all their costumes, however, if your child does not wish to dress up that is not a problem.

## School Activities:

We are aware that the final lifting of restrictions should take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The school will be in touch to advise of our plans regarding our safe return to after and in-school activities if and when appropriate in line with DES guidance.

## Junior Infants 2022

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2022 will commence on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021. The Admission notice and policy are currently both available to view on our website. The application form will be available to download from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from our website.

## Classroom photos

On our website in each classroom section, you will see photos of all the work the classes have been doing throughout the first term.

[www.stpatricksnsdalkey.ie](http://www.stpatricksnsdalkey.ie)

Artwork by Naomi Maughan



## School closures:

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

School closes at normal time for midterm break & reopens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

*School will close @ 11.30am for Primary Language Curriculum teacher training.*

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

School closes for Christmas holidays (time TBC) and reopens on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 @ 8.20am.



Artwork by Connie Bowman

## **Traffic Management**

We are very aware that the building work on Harbour Road is causing continued congestion problems particularly in the morning. Noel is the liaison between the developers and the local community. If you experience any problems parking at drop off or collection or feel that there are repeated problems please send an email to Jennie Kirwan to advise her of the issue.

## **Shoebox Appeal**

We are delighted to be supporting the Team Hope Shoebox appeal once again. Any family that wishes to complete a shoebox should return it to the school by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at the latest. Forms were sent home this week which should be completed and included in the box. They will be collected from the school and delivered to Team Hope. If your child prepares the box sooner and would like to bring it in before midterm that is absolutely fine. We can store them until they are being collected.

## **Covid-19 & other illnesses**

As you are aware, the procedures around contact tracing in schools have changed. We ask that anyone who is ill remains at home and follows all current guidelines. An important point to note is that if a member of your family is presenting with Covid-19 symptoms, all other non-vaccinated people in your family must stay at home and restrict their movement until a negative result is obtained for the symptomatic person. Pupils must be symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school. We must remain vigilant to ensure the safety of everyone in our school community.

If your child has any illness e.g. tummy bug/other non-Covid illness, please ensure that they are fully recovered before returning to school. Children who have been ill are asked to remain out of school until they are 48 hours symptom free.



## **In the Community**

### **Temporary closure of Leslie Avenue – message from DLR**

From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021:

There will be no through Road on Leslie Avenue from Harbour Road to Colliemore Road. Access to Leslie Avenue will be restricted to residents only.

