

St. Patrick's N.S

Harbour Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin

www.stpatricksnshalkey.ie T: 01 2830647

Dear Parents/Guardians

November has been a busy month and we have only a few more weeks until the Christmas Holidays. Soon the trees will be up and the festivities will commence!

Bookfair

The PTA would like to thank everyone for their support and a special thanks to Claire Kelleher for organising and coordinating the event. Together we raised €1,926 and so the school will receive €1,156 in book credit for the classes.

Shoobox Collection

On Wednesday 21st November Team Hope visited the school to collect the shoeboxes. We had an amazing number of shoeboxes filled and it was great to see the children, once again, take part in this fantastic initiative. Pictures are on our website of collection day. It was very wet but the children were delighted to step out in to the rain to drop off their boxes. A big "thank you" to all of you who did some early Christmas wrapping.

Christmas Jumper Day 30th November – LauraLynn Hospice

As per a recent email we will be supporting the LauraLynn Hospice by taking part in their Christmas Jumper Day. The idea is that each child wears a Christmas Jumper or any Christmas item to school on 30th November and brings €2. All the funds will be donated to the LauraLynn Foundation.



Upcoming Events

Nativity Play

Friday 21st December,
10.30am, St. Patrick's Church

Return to school

School re-opens Monday 7th
January 2019

Activities

Rugby

We have had Jonathan Butler from Leinster rugby working with 5th/6th throughout the month – they have thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

A Winter Wish

1st & 2nd class recently enjoyed a trip to the Pavilion Theatre to watch a Winter Wish. The children walked down with Ms. Newton and some volunteers and got the DART back. They had a wonderful time and the rain stayed away.

Acceptable Use Policy

If any parent/guardian has not yet returned the signed form to the school, **could they please do so as a matter of urgency**. We need to ensure that all families are in agreement and compliant with the policy. We cannot allow the children to use the laptops and ipads if we have not received a signed Acceptable use policy. A paper copy and an email version were issued in October.

Pupil Insurance

Pupils in St. Patrick's National School are covered by our school insurance and this provides 24 hour, 365 day insurance cover. There is no excess on any claim. If you require a claim form please contact the school office for further assistance.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Most parent/guardians have had a chance to meet with the class teacher at this stage of the month. If you still haven't had an opportunity to meet your child's teacher please arrange a suitable appointment.

Crazy Glazing

Siobhan Brennan from Crazy Glazing visited to complete a glazed tile project organised by DLR County Council. The children from 5th/6th class painted pre-drawn tiles to create a large tiled picture of the school. This will be displayed in the school environs when glazed.

Parking at St. Patrick's

A reminder that care should be taken when parking in or around the school at collection/drop off. Parking in the church grounds is for staff and church visitors only. Parking on the zig-zag lines outside the gate is unsafe. It poses a huge risk to children leaving the school grounds and is not permitted regardless of the weather conditions.

Choir dates

The remaining dates for choir are 28th November, 5th & 12th & 19th December. Mrs. Kirwan will be focusing on Christmas songs, in particular the songs that the choir will sing at the school **Nativity Play on Friday 21st @ 10.30am** and at the parish carol service on **Sunday 16th December @ 7pm in St. Patrick's Church.**



In our Parish

St. Patrick's Christmas Fair

The annual parish Christmas Fair takes place on Saturday 1st December @ 10.3am – 12 noon. Admission €2.50 per adult & €5 per child. The PTA are running the cake stall and all proceeds will go to the school. All welcome!

Carol Service

On Sunday 16th December @ 7pm in St. Patrick's Church. All welcome.

