

# St. Patrick's N.S

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Dear Parents/Guardians

September has come and gone and Hallowe'en is just around the corner. We are looking forward to some spooktacular fun before midterm.

Jennie Kirwan

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## **New Pupils**

We are delighted to welcome 14 new Junior Infant students and 2 new students higher up the school, some students already have siblings in the school and others are new families. We welcome them all and wish you every happiness in St. Patrick's N.S.

## **Punctuality**

School opens for all pupils @ 8.20am. Please note that children should not be on the school grounds prior to this as they are not insured. All children should be in their classroom before 8.40am. This is an important part of the school routine as the class prepares for the day ahead.

## **PTA 2022**

The PTA AGM took place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. There was an excellent turnout with many new parents/guardians expressing an interest in getting involved with organising and managing school fundraisers. Thank you so much to the out-going PTA for organising the AGM and for all the beautiful food and drink. Positions have yet to be decided upon. The next PTA meeting will be 10<sup>th</sup> October and we will be in touch after that.

## **Books & supplies**

Thank you to all that have paid for books and supplies for the current school year. Fees are now overdue. If you are not in a position to pay for any reason please arrange to speak to Jennie Kirwan as there is a grant available for such cases. The matter will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

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## **IMPORTANT- First term dates**

### **Midterm Break**

School closes on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October at normal time and reopens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### **Primary Language Curriculum**

School closure on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December for Primary Language Curriculum training

### **Christmas Holidays**

School closes on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022 and reopens on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

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## **Staff email addresses**

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## **Allergies & Medication**

Some children in our school have severe allergies, including nuts. Therefore our school is a **NUT FREE SCHOOL** and we ask that parents/guardians are particularly careful not to give their child items that contain nuts in their lunchbox.

If your child has any medical condition or allergy and you have not yet informed your child's class teacher, please do so. You will be asked to complete a healthcare plan. A copy of the form will be displayed in the staffroom and your child's class teacher will have a copy in their classroom.

## **Absences from school**

If you know that your child will not be attending school due to a doctor's appointment or family event etc., please advise the class teacher in advance. If your child is unable to attend school due to illness please also email your child's class teacher or the office on the first morning of illness advising us of the situation.

## **Swimming & other activities**

The 4 week swimming term for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> class has finished and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> class will start their 4 week term next Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October.

## **PTA After school activities**

Multisports & Acrodance are both under way on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## **Garda Vetting**

We encourage all parents/guardians to get involved in school life where possible, however you must be garda vetted. Vetting forms are available from the office.

## **Harvest Service St. Patrick's Church**

The pupils have been invited to sing at the Harvest Service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October in the church. We would love to see as many faces there as possible. Please let your child's class teacher know if your family is available to attend.

## **Well done to Harley**

Harley Jago McGovern won first prize in the Lego Competition at the Lexicon. The photo above shows her amazing work that took her so long to make. Her entry was chosen as the clear winner based on creativity and originality, interpretation of the theme and presentation. Well done Harley, incredible work, we are so proud.



## **The Lunch bag**

The Lunchbag continues to deliver lunches to the school. If you are interested in availing of this service (as often or as little as you like), please download the app and register your child. This is completely optional facility.

## **Kids Inc Afterschool**

Kids Inc Afterschool Care is running an Afterschool club in St. Patrick's N.S from 1pm – 6pm. If you are interested you can contact [Gillian@kidsinc.ie](mailto:Gillian@kidsinc.ie) and she will be happy to help you.

