

St. Patrick's N.S

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Dear Parents/Guardians

We are looking forward to another enjoyable year at school. We hope you find our newsletter informative.

School hours

School begins for all pupils at 8.20am with formal instruction beginning at 8.40am. **All pupils should be in school for the "teacht le chéile" time which begins at 8.20am.** School ends @ 1pm for Junior & Senior Infants & at 2pm for the remainder of the school.

New Pupils

We have welcomed 14 new Junior Infants pupils this year. There are also some new pupils joining other classes. We welcome all new pupils to the school and wish them well in the coming years in St. Patrick's.

Nut free zone:

Due to a number of pupils in the school suffering with severe nut allergies, our school is a **NUT FREE ZONE**. Please ensure that all products are checked before putting in the lunch box.

Helping out/Garda Vetting/Booklists:

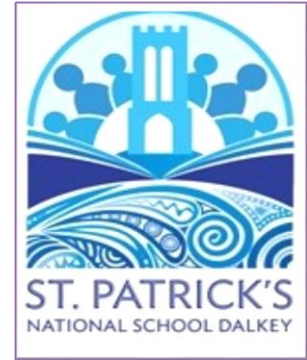
Due to statutory requirements, all volunteers must be vetted to help in the school. An email was issued recently with a form attached. Please complete and return to the school for processing. A reminder that all booklist payments should be made as soon as possible.

Data Protection

Our Data Protection Policy has been updated in line with GDPR. A reminder to all parents/guardians to return the forms issued to ensure that our information is accurate and up to date.

Choir

Choir will begin on Wednesday 26th September @ 8am with Mrs. Kirwan and Miss Cooke in the Northover Hall. We look forward to welcoming old & new members next week.



Dates of Interest

18th September

BOM meeting

Friday 24th September

New parent/guardian coffee morning

Friday 5th October

School closed – Primary Language Curriculum Training

12th – 16th November

Scholastic Book fair

13th – 21st October

Maths Week

Friday 26th October

Hallowe'en Disco

13th/15th & 20th/22nd November

Parent Teacher meetings

Friday 21st December 10.30am

Nativity Show

25th January 2019

Grandparents Day

Other news & information

Mobile Telephones:

The use of mobile telephones during school hours is strictly forbidden. If your child requires a telephone it must remain switched off and in their schoolbag during school hours.

Wheelbarrows

1st/2nd class have been busy gardening and have revamped the wheelbarrows ready for the "Dalkey Creates" initiative. The wheelbarrows can be viewed at their Family day on Saturday 13th October from 2-5pm. More information available on www.dalkeycreates.com

National Educational Welfare (NEWB)

The National Education Welfare Board (NEWB) was established under the Education (Welfare) Act 2000 and is responsible for encouraging and supporting regular school attendance. The NEWB has now been incorporated into Tusla, Child and Family agency. Our school is obliged to make quarterly returns to Tusla based on pupil's absences. Once your child is absent for more than 20 days Tusla is informed, regardless of the reason for this absence. It is therefore very important that if your child is not in school we are informed of the reasons for the absence.

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason please let us know either by phone or by email on the morning of the first absence. This is to ensure children's safety, especially those who walk or cycle to school alone. If your child leaves home but doesn't make it to school, this needs to be discovered early for the child's safety.

Your child:

At the start of the school year we are all filled with energy and a sense of purpose. It is lovely to see the children bouncing into school every day and we hope this continues all year. However, there are times when your child may not feel like this and is anxious or unhappy.

If you feel this is the case or there is something happening at home that may be impacting on your child, please tell the teacher. Pick up the phone and arrange a meeting through the office or send an email to the relevant email address. Whilst teachers cannot help during class time, they will get back to you and arrange a mutually suitable time.

PTA News:

We would like to thank our outgoing committee for all their exceptional work in the last year. We would also like to welcome the new PTA:

Ali Coffey/Sorcha Duggan – Chairpersons	Emma Ackland – Vice Chair
David Armstrong – Treasurer	Diane Weatherup – Secretary
Andy Bowman/Aisling Breen – Communication	Ms. Jenny Newton – Teacher rep.

Please keep an eye on the noticeboard in the foyer for more information on upcoming events.



Extra-Curricular Activities

There are a variety of after school activities organized by the PTA. More details on PTA noticeboard.

- Hockey
- Drama
- Artzone
- Yoga

Email addresses for staff:

Each member of staff has an email address on the school domain.

Junior/Senior Infants (Ms. Waugh):
rwagh@stpatricks2.ie

1st/2nd Class (Ms. Newton):
jnewton@stpatricks2.ie

3rd/4th class (Miss Furney):
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5th/6th class (Miss Cooke):
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Principal/S.E.T. (Mrs. Kirwan):
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Secretary (Dee Bradley):
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