

St. Mary's Parish Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Kerry our Lollipop Lady will be retiring from her position of Lollipop Lady this Friday after 34 years of dedicated service both here and on the Dublin Road outside Fatima School. We thank her for her service and the care and attention she has given to our pupils over all that time.

Please check immediately with the local secondary school of your choice regarding enrolment procedures and closing dates, even if your child is in the junior classes as some schools operate a waiting list based on the date of application. **The following Secondary School Open nights for 5th & 6th classes** – St. Mary's Diocesan School – Thurs. 28th September 6.30-8.30pm; Drogheda Grammar School – Thurs. 28th Sept. 6-8.30pm; Sacred Heart – Thurs. 5th October 5.30-8.30pm; St. Oliver's Community College – Thurs. 5th Oct. 6-8pm; Greenhills – Wed. 11th October, from 7-9pm; Ballymakenny College – date to be confirmed (possibly Jan. 2018).

RSE Programme (Relationship, Sexuality & Education) will be delivered to 6th classes later in the year by Accord. An **information meeting for parents** takes place in the Westcourt Hotel **tonight, Wednesday 27th September** at 8.00pm.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB registration is now open. Registration is online only. Clubs will begin the week of October 2nd. All details on www.smpps.ie

Cover for Allianz Personal Accident Scheme offers 24 hour cover including A & E charge for the year for €9. If you wish to join, please pay online. *This is separate from After School Club Insurance.*

If you have not already paid for book rental (€50) please contact the office. Also **Arts & Crafts (€35) is now due.** (Junior infants have already paid this). If you have not paid, please pay online. Arts & Crafts is separate to book rental. Bookrental and Arts & Crafts may also be paid by instalments.

Junior infant enrolment forms are now available for junior infants who are due to start September 2018. Forms are available on the school website www.smpps.ie or by calling to the school office. *Please note the processing of applications will begin at 12 noon Friday 19th January 2018.*

Friday 27th October will be a dress up day for Halloween. Pupils may wear part of a costume, a costume or their favourite T-shirt. Children may come to school dressed up. Please make sure they wear appropriate footwear. Costume must be suitable for play outside during breaktime. Children are not permitted to bring accessories e.g. wands, swords, guns etc.

School will be closed from Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November for **Mid-Term Break.**

Parent teacher meetings take place on Thursday 23rd November.

The **HSE Primary School Vaccination Programme for Junior Infants** will take place on the 14th/ 15th & 16th of November. Information packs have been sent home with junior infants. Should parents require any further information please visit www.immunisation.ie or contact your local immunisation office on 042-9381262.

Please label all your child's belongings e.g. jumpers, tracksuit tops etc. Items get lost all the time and we have no way of returning them if there is no name clearly printed.

Please ensure your child has a healthy lunch – no fizzy drinks, chocolate bars, crisps, sweets or popcorn allowed.

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Philip Ward