

St. Mary's Parish Primary School

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

September came and went in a flash and we are already thinking of scary costumes and trick-or-treat! See the note about our dress up day below!

Book Rental / Arts & Craft: we would ask that parents pay any outstanding book rental or arts/crafts money as soon as possible. Please contact the office if there are any questions.

Halloween Dress-Up Day on Thursday 25th October. Students to donate €2. All money going to charity.

School Photos – we will have a professional photographer take pictures of all our **Junior Infants** (Plus any older brothers and sisters) on **October 19th**. Full uniform should be worn on that day.

Shoe Box Appeal –I know it's only October but we are running our annual Christmas Shoe Box Appeal for students from 1st – 6th class. Students will have a flyer with all the information. Boxes will be collected in November 9th so the mid-term break is a perfect chance to fill the box.

Sports: GAA both the boys and girls teams have reached the Autumn Finals. Thanks to Mullen's Coaches for sponsoring shorts and socks for our teams.

Twitter: we are on Twitter: @StMarysPPS Keep up to date with latest news etc. We are also looking at the possibility of developing a school Facebook page. More details to follow.

Erasmus+ : we have a new European project with partner schools in Spain, Portugal, Italy and Finland. The project is about developing the use of new technology in our schools and will run from 2018 – 2020.

Reminders:

Contact information: it is really important that we have up to date contact information (address, mobile no., email address). Please let us know if any of these have changes.

School Opening: while car park gates open at 8.15, pupils are not admitted to the school until 8.50am and remain the responsibility of parents/guardians until that time.

Mobile Phones: as per our Code of Behaviour, pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school.

Dates for your Diary:

Confirmation: Meeting for parents of Confirmation candidates in St Mary's Church **Tuesday 16th @7pm**

1st Communion: Meeting for parents of 1st Communion candidates in St Mary's Church **Wed. 17th @7pm**

Parent-Teacher Meetings: will be held on **Thursday Nov. 22nd** from 3.00 to 7.00pm Please note we will be trialing an online booking system this year. Full details in the coming weeks.

School Closures- We will be closed on **Friday 26th** for the presidential election and the following week for Halloween!

Principal