

Scoil Bhríde Oldtown, Naas, Co. Kildare.

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Newsletter – October 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to Scoil Bhríde and here's hoping everyone has a great school year. I will outline a few areas that I feel need to be brought to your attention.

Parking

As usual poor parking and careless driving (by some) continues to be a concern for us in the school. Can I remind you please to:

- Never park on double yellow lines
- Always go to the roundabout to exit the school
- Be aware that children can appear out of nowhere
- Let the children cross at the 'Zebra Crossing'
- 'Set Down' does not mean 'Park'
- Please talk to your children about getting in and out of school safely.

Uniform / Punctuality

Thanks to all who are wearing the uniform. It looks fantastic. I would ask that all children wear the correct and full uniform every day. Obviously on PE days the school tracksuit and polo shirt must be worn. It shows great loyalty and pride when everyone adheres to this ethos.

School begins at 8.50am. Again I thank everyone who is here on time. A small minority continue to come late. We will continue to encourage people to be on time. Punctuality, again is a habit which we need to encourage.

New Children / Staff

Welcome to all the new children who have joined our school. They seem to be settling in well. I would like to remind parents that best practise is that you leave your child at the front door and let them walk in themselves.

If you need to speak to a teacher, please make an appointment as they have to look after their classes in the morning.

Welcome also to the new staff that have joined us. We have new teachers and new Special Needs Assistants. They are very welcome and we hope that they enjoy their time with us.

A number of teachers have left us over the summer and we wish them well in their new schools. Best wishes to Múinteoirí Mags, Grace, Patricia, David, Karen and Denise.

Sport / After Schools / Choir / Quizzes

Thanks to the teachers who provide very good after school activities to the children. I will, very soon, be putting up on the website the classes which are available.

Huge thanks to all the teachers who again this year have volunteered to take the various school teams, sports, choir, quiz, garden, green schools and much more. The children in this school are lucky to have such a wide variety of choices available to them..

Right now best wishes to the school U11 football teams who are participating so well in the Cumann na mBunscol competitions.

School Fees

Thanks to all who have paid their school fees. If for some reason you have not paid we would be very grateful if you would contact the school. Maybe you have forgotten? We will be reminding people over the next couple of weeks, if we have no record of payments.

Nut Allergy

I would like to remind you that we do not allow any nuts or items containing nut traces in school. As we have children with nut allergies in our school I ask you to be vigilant throughout the year in following this policy. (This includes Nutella).

Clothing

We have many bags of lost/mislaid clothes in the office. On Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th October only, these clothes will be on display at the stairs area. Unclaimed clothes will be sent to St. Vincent de Paul.

Exiting the School

We are experimenting at the moment on how the children exit the school at home time. Please be patient as we try to come up with the best solution **for the safety of the children**. Parents can help by standing well back from the door and also by keeping the ramp clear for easy exit.

Thanks to all children, parents and staff for being so co-operative around all these requests.

We are all lucky to be involved with Scoil Bhríde.

Regards



Joe Hartnett

Principal