

Scoil Mhuire



Newsletter November 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians

We have four weeks to the end of term so we would like to keep you up to date with events.



Attendance:

We have been monitoring attendance very closely since September and are pleased to report that there has been a considerable improvement overall.

“ON THE LINE AT TEN TO NINE” and children in school every day, unless they are unwell, is our ultimate goal.

May we remind you if you are collecting a child early from school, they cannot be collected between 10.45 and 11.00am and 12.30 and 1.00pm.

Parents are always welcome in Scoil Mhuire but, due to health and safety measures for the children, the school gates are closed but not locked. Parents can still gain access.

When you enter the school, everyone must check in at the Secretary's Office and all children must be signed out.

Christmas Shows:

All are welcome to attend the Christmas Shows as follows:

2nd to 6th Classes: **Monday 16th December at 11am**

Junior, Senior Infants and 1st Class: **Tuesday 17th December at 11am**



Hot Chocolate Day:

On Wednesday 18th December we will have Hot Chocolate Day in the Hall for all pupils. In keeping with our Green School Policy, we are encouraging **“Bring Your Own Cup”** on this day so we are not incurring greater costs for our rubbish collection.

Spirit Week:

Our Parents Association are very busy. They are arranging activities for the weeks 16th to 20th December which all the children will enjoy.



Lost Property:

Our lost property is growing. If your child has lost anything in school, please check the Lost Property Box.



We had our school walk on Friday 4th October and raised €over 3,000. Many thanks for all contributions. They are greatly appreciated. We intend to replace some of our PE and Musical equipment

Teacher/Substitute Crisis:

The substitute teacher crisis continues to prevail, especially in Dublin, and there are no teachers available to cover absences for any of our teachers.

We are managing the situation as best we can and we appreciate your co-operation in this area.



Phones:

Reminder: Mobile phones must be switched off on the school premises and left in school bags.

We encourage parents to be vigilant in their child's use of mobile phones. Many of the sites your children are visiting and using require the user to be over 18. Therefore, no primary school age child should avail of them.

We would also encourage you that you keep your child's bedroom screen free and that no mobile phone is allowed at night. It is vital that children have relaxed screen free time in their bedrooms to encourage good quality restful sleep.

We welcome your co-operation in this greatly.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 29 th November	Election Day – School will be closed.
Tuesday 3 rd December	Junior Infant Vaccinations
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Performance at 11.00 – 2 nd to 6 th Class
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Performance at 11.00 – Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1 st Class
Wednesday 18 th December	Hot Chocolate Day
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Holidays – School closes at 12.00pm.



Appeal:

We are looking for children's scooters and balance bikes. If anyone is having a pre-Christmas clear out and has the above items in good working order, we would really appreciate if you could drop them into us.

Thank you to all parents/guardians for your continued support to Scoil Mhuire. It is greatly valued and appreciated by all the staff.

Ms. McKiernan and the Staff of Scoil Mhuire