



ST. JOSEPH'S MERCY PRIMARY SCHOOL

HALLOWEEN NEWSLETTER 2018

Thank you to everyone for all your support and co-operation with the work of the last term. We wish everyone a safe and happy Mid-Term break.

Ms. Walsh's Retirement: As you all know Ms. Walsh will be retiring from her role as Principal of our school. We thank Ms. Walsh for her long and dedicated service to our school. Ms. Walsh has worked in the school for almost 40 years. We wish her a very happy retirement. We will really miss her .

Events that took place during this last term:

Mercy Day Mass: took place in our hall on September 24th. It was celebrated by Fr. Louis and attended by pupils from 2nd to 6th classes. It was also attended by retired Mercy Sisters and past principals from our school.

Preparation for the Sacraments: Enrolment Mass for First Communion will take place on Saturday 20th October. Enrolment Mass for Confirmation took place on Saturday October 13th. Families of those pupils preparing for the sacraments are reminded of the importance of attending mass regularly.

Karate Club: 2nd Classes will be taking part in an after school karate club under the instruction of Ronan Collins after Hallowee'n. The children have had karate in PE class for the last two weeks and are really enjoying the experience. The club is funded by a grant from the Northern Province of the Mercy Order.

Children's Book Festival -October 2018: Many of our classes were invited to the library and Solstice to listen to authors of some of their favourite books. This was a great opportunity for them to get an insight into the life of an author.

The Book Fair

Our recent Book Fair was a great success. The children enjoyed looking at the books and a visit from Clifford the dog was a big hit. We made a substantial commission of 1,712 euro which will be spent purchasing extra books for each class library. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped out before and after school.

Gaelic Football

Well Done to all the boys and girls who took part in Gaelic Football training this term.

Both boys and girls took part in the Cumann na mBunscoil Meath Primary Schools League. Thank You to Ms. Hogan, Ms. Leahy, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Farrelly for training the teams and accompanying the children to matches.

Fire Safety: October is Fire Safety Month. All classes in the school received lessons on fire safety and took part in fire evacuation drills in the school. **We ask that you speak to your child about fire safety coming up to Halloween and in particular about the danger of bangers, fireworks and bonfires.**

Art and Craft (€25) & Book Rental (€10):

We thank you for the prompt payment of this money. We wish to remind those who have yet to pay that we would appreciate payment as soon as possible so that we can keep costs at the current rate.

The Halloween Fancy Dress takes place on Thursday October 25th. Pupils are asked to bring in €2 on the day and wear a fancy dress costume or their own clothes. The funds raised are used for sports expenses which include the cost of buses to matches.



Next term

Parent Teacher Meetings: Meetings will take place on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th November. They will take place after school and you will receive a letter after Hallowe'en with an appointment time prior to the meeting.

Text Messages: Please inform Office of any changes to mobile numbers so that you receive text messages from the school.

Reminder -The school is closed on Friday 26th October as the school is a polling station for the upcoming Presidential election and referendum. The school will reopen after Mid-

Term on 5th November.

