

OCTOBER '23

NEWSLETTER

Leaving early

It's really important that if children have to leave early for any reason that they are signed out at the school office. This is to ensure that we know where children are!

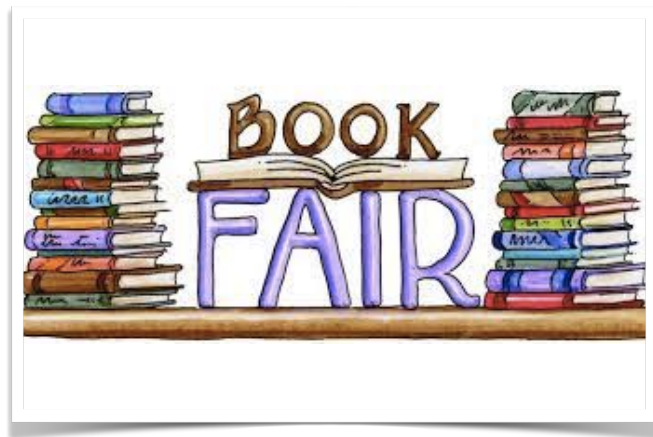
Late for school

Please try to get your children in to school as close to 8.20 a.m. as possible. It's disruptive to the class to have children wandering in once the work of the day has begun. It's also very important that children get to settle into class, prepare for the day and catch up with their friends in the morning.

Children who arrive after the 8.40 a.m. bell must be signed in at the office.

Come and Visit

Friday mornings are 'Come and Visit' days when parents are welcome to come into the classrooms when dropping the children to school. Please remember, this is not the time to raise issues with the teacher - you should email the teacher or make an appointment to have a meeting to discuss any problems that may arise.



Book Fair

The Book Fair is on this week and we have a lovely selection of books for sale in the school hall. The school earns books as a percentage of the value of books sold so this is a great opportunity to stock up for Christmas as well as supporting the school.

All children will get an opportunity to visit the Book Fair and can order books as well. Parents are welcome to visit the Book Fair between 1-2p.m.

This Friday we are encouraging the children (and staff!) to dress up as a character from a book.

We will have a 'Book Character Parade' of all the costumes in the yard (weather permitting).



Enrolment

We are now accepting applications for enrolment into Junior Infants in September 2024. All applications must be received before 10th November 2023.

Applications forms and further details are available in the enrolment section on the school website www.rpns.ie.

Cycling and Scooting

We've had some reports of near misses with children cycling and scooting in the yard and on the laneway. Please ensure your children wheel their bikes or scooters once they arrive at the school. We don't want any injuries or crashes!



Please note that children are not permitted to come up the school laneway and into the yard before the bell rings at 8.20 a.m. Mr. Gillis has also asked that we remind parents not to allow children to climb on the gate or the electrical junction box.

Grandparents' Day

We're already planning for our Grandparents' Day which will take place on Friday 27th October.

This is a hugely popular and joyous day and we love having the children's grandparents or older friends visiting the school. We will be asking some of the children to bake so that we can treat our guests to something lovely to have with their tea and coffee and the children will show the visitors around.

If your child's grandparent can't attend, please feel free to invite another older relative or friend instead.

More details closer to the time.



Tesco Community Fund

We have been nominated for the Tesco Community Fund and tokens can now be donated to the school. If you are shopping in the Rathfarnham branch of Tesco, we would appreciate it if you would donate the blue tokens to our school. Please let family and friends know about this too!



Please use your recyclable blue token to vote for us in the Tesco Community Fund.



Flu vaccines

Ballyboden Medical Practice has offered to come into school to administer the flu vaccine to all of the children (except for children in Senior Infants) free of charge.

This is administered via a nasal spray and involves no needles!

The vaccines will be administered on 11th October.

If you would like to register your child to be included, please register through the link that Nikki sent out on Aladdin Connect.

Senior Infants are not included as we understand the HSE is carrying out a separate programme for children in this class.

Illness and school

While the risk of serious illness from Covid-19 has abated, it hasn't gone away and we need to continue to ensure that children who are unwell do not come to school. Children who have been ill during the previous night should remain at home as they will be tired and unable to concentrate in school.

They should not come to school if they need Calpol or Ibuprofen.

Garda Vetting

We encourage parents to get involved in the life of the school in many ways. However, to do this parents need to be garda vetted. This is an easy and painless process and simply involves filling in a form. If you haven't been garda vetted through the school please fill in the form at the link below and return it to the school office. Vetting forms are also available from the school office.

<https://safeguarding.ireland.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/NVB-1-Vetting-Invitation-1.pdf>



Lost Property

Every year we accumulate a mountain of lost property! The lost property is located at the entrance outside 3rd class. When you're in for Come and Visit on Friday, please take a minute to check the lost property - children often don't recognise their own belongings!

It would be really helpful if children's belongings are all named, especially smaller items such as gloves and hats.

RecycleIT

We will have a recycling collection of old electrical items on Thursday 12th October. You may leave items for collection inside the school gate on the morning of the collection. Most electrical items can be recycled - a full list of accepted items can be found at this link

<https://www.recycleit.ie/WEEE-list.html>

There is a cost for destroying computer hard drives so please don't include these.

'Say Yes to Languages'

3rd and 4th classes will be starting their Spanish lessons with Tara next week. Please engage with them in practising at home and encourage their involvement.

Again, many thanks to Tara for taking this on.



PTA Quiz

A huge thank you to all of the parents and friends who supported the recent PTA quiz in Terenure. There was a great turnout and the winners were Hilary and Barry O'Shea's team.

The PTA has kindly agreed to help fund gymnastics for all the pupils next term and money raised will go towards this.

Dates for your Diary!

Dress up as a book character - 6th October

Flu vaccines - 11th October

RecycleIT - 12th October

Diocesan Schools' Service - 9th November

Amber Flag Wellbeing Day - 13th November

Parent Teacher meetings - 22nd, 23rd and 24th November

Christmas Fair - 8th December

Christmas Plays (Junior and Senior Infants and Ranganna 1 & 2) - 20th December

Christmas Service - 21st December

END OF TERM - 22nd December at 12 noon

Hockey

Hockey is back up and running again for 2nd -6th classes. It takes place in Three Rock Rovers every Monday after school.

Thank you so much to Mrs. Correll who managed to find enough coaches for hockey to take place!

School Information Form

At the beginning of each school year we ask parents to fill in a school information form with up to date contact details, permissions etc. It is especially important that new parents fill in this form. If the information has not changed since last year, you do not need to fill in a form - we will use the details from the previous form.

Return to school costs

All the children's books, stationery etc was covered by the book grant this year. However, the €45 for additional costs such as photocopying, art materials and software licences is due for each child. This is not a discretionary cost and is now due. If you have yet to pay this, please do so as soon as possible through Aladdin Connect.

Diocesan Service for Schools

The annual School's Service takes place in Christchurch Cathedral on 9th November. Ten pupils from our school will be invited to represent the school at this event.

