

Primrose Hill National School

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the school year moves us into November and the weather turns decisively chillier, we will continue with the GAA skills with Jonathan Daniels.

During October, the children in 4th and 5th Class participated in a workshop about the Irish Bog. This was an online workshop facilitated by the local library. We are hoping to avail of similar workshop with library throughout the year.

We are approaching one of the most wonderful times of the school calendar when teachers and pupils explore their more creative sides through art, music and drama. Unfortunately, due to COVID19 we are somewhat restricted with our activities this year. We will not be attending any Pantomime and the end of term Carol Service is uncertain at this time.

We will make a special effort to make the school feel festive at the end of term and ensure that the children enjoy the build up to Christmas under these difficult circumstances.

IMPORTANT HYGIENE NOTICE

As informed in my email in October we are looking to reduce the amount of waste that is currently being produced by the frequent hand washing. To this end we have asked that all pupils bring a small hand towel or face cloth in a zip lock bag to dry their own hands. As per my email this towel should be changed on a daily basis.



Following recent reports in the media we wish to confirm that the hand sanitizer, soap and any antibacterial cleaning products used in school meet with approved HSE and DES standards.

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SOCIAL DISTANCING



It is imperative that all parents, guardians and adults coming to the school wear a mask even in the yard.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

We continue to work hard raising funds to replace the surface under the swing set and climbing tower.



During the month of October we sold face masks as part of our fundraising efforts and this raised a total of €1,054. This is a great achievement and thank you to everyone who supported this initiative.

DESIGN-A-CARD

The children's Christmas cards have been sent home this week. If you have an order you must return the envelope to school by Wednesday 11th November. After that date you will need to order online as per the back of the card.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22nd December – Christmas Holidays All classes finish at 12 noon

6th January – Spring Term begins.

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CAR PARKING IN THE LITTLE GROVE

TEXT-A-PARENT

Car parking around our school is always an issue and we are very grateful to our neighbours in the Little Grove for allowing parents to park during pick up times. However, the Board of Management would ask that this is not abused. Parking in this area is only permitting during the following times:

1.00pm – 1.30pm

2.00pm – 2.30pm

We would also ask that cars are switched off so that exhaust fumes are not being expended and creating air pollution in the area.

Another area to be mindful of is the bus bay. Parking in this area is strictly for the school bus. Any parents seen to be violating parking restrictions will be sent an official school warning prior to any reporting taking place. Frequent misuse of parking facilities will be reported to the relevant authority.

Finally, we ask parents to keep the school drive clear and not to drive in, as this is a major safety issue for pupils coming in to school, other pedestrians and other road users, especially when reversing out of the drive on to the road.

Please download the **textparent** app to your mobile phone. The FREE app is available on App Store and Google Play. Parents will need to download this to the assigned* textparent mobile phone. By downloading this app to the assigned mobile means the cost of sending messages is halved for the school.

Also, you will have access to the school calendar which will be updated regularly.

* The *assigned textparent mobile number* refers to the mobile number give to the school to received texts.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association plays an important role in the life of Primrose Hill National School and as always, the committee are looking for new members who would be interested in joining. Due to current COVID restrictions, all meetings will be held online. If any parents, new or old are interested in finding out more about the PA, the work that they do or getting involved with them, please contact Bertha Kavanagh via the school email phns1814@gmail.com.

