

St. Colman's N.S. November Newsletter 2015



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Principal's Notes

Welcome back after our half term break. We had a very productive and enjoyable term so far and hopefully the rest of the term will be just as good. We had a lovely start of year mass in the church thanks to Fr. O'Connell, Mrs. Oxley, Mrs. Ashe and Mrs. Moran. Our infant class has really settled in and the Aistear Room is proving a real asset.

Our students are making a great effort with their uniforms and we hope that continues, particularly with regard to ties and shoes.

I will remind those who drive their children to school that the set down area in the front of the school is for set down only so please do not park there. I thank you for your support in this matter.

School Board of Management & Parent's Council

As you will be aware the process of elections for our school Board of Management is underway. The new board will commence from the start of December.

I had the pleasure to meet with the Parents Council before the Mid-Term Break and it was very informative. and their Elections also took place. The Chairperson this coming year is Mr. Joe Deegan, Secretary is Kathleen Sheridan and Treasurer is Cathy Hewitt. The Council also welcomed two new parents from Junior Infant, Edel Delaney and Yvonne Hennessy.

Gaelic Football

What a day we had in O'Moore Park on Tuesday the 20th! Our heroic girls' team became county champions for the second year in a row. They beat Graiguecullen in the final by 4-7 to 4-3. Our team was the deserved champions on the day, each member of the squad trained so hard and played so well since September. A massive thank you and credit must go to Ms. Brennan for preparing the team to such a high standard. We had two great boys' teams this year also, coached by Mr. Ryan and Mr. Twomey who were unfortunate not to make a final. As volunteers these teachers put in a huge effort so well done to players and teachers alike!



School Lunches

Today is the first day of the optional school lunches for pupils 1st to 6th class. You can still complete the form to have your child involved. Many thanks to Mrs. Fennessy for coordinating the scheme.

Halloween Celebration

We had a great day of SPOOKY Halloween celebrations in the school. Our students were fantastic and went on a walk through the town to show off their great costumes and also to link some physical activity with the day as we hope to be awarded the Blue Flag this year for leading a physically active school. Thanks to Ms. McDonald for the resources and decorating the reception.



Green Flag

Mrs. Carroll has started work on achieving our 5th Green Flag, which this year will be for Biodiversity. Ms. Mulhall has been busy getting the school garden organized as part of the plan. Check out what a Green School is about at <http://www.greenschoolsireland.org/>

Blue Flag

This year we are going for our first ever Blue Flag. The Blue Flag is an award for a school who strives to achieve a physical educated and physically active school community. The national website is <http://activeschoolflag.ie/> if you wish to read more!

Social Media & School Website

Ms. Fitzpatrick has been extremely busy launching our social media accounts and we are delighted to say that in the next few weeks we will be launching our new website which will be www.stcolmansns.ie

To keep up to date with everything that is happening in our school please like our page on Facebook and on Twitter if you use these accounts. It will hopefully be a great way to communicate with the whole school community and share our news.

Facebook - @Colmanns

Twitter - @colmans_ns



Parent Information

Parent Teacher Meetings - Normally held in November, staff decided that it would be more advantageous and more informative to have them in February.

W.S.E. – Our school will be having a W.S.E. (Whole School Evaluation) by two inspectors on Monday November 16th for 3 or possibly 4 days. We look forward to showcasing the great work that is going on in the school!

School Info Board – If you are in the school please note the School Information Board which is opposite Mrs. Luttrell's Office door.

Swimming – Swimming starts today for 3rd to 6th classes. Please do not forget to sign the permission slips. The classes go swimming as part of the PE Curriculum.

Christmas Concert – Mrs. O'Donnell is busy getting ready for the Concert, date to be confirmed this week. Mrs. O'Donnell will also be coordinating the shoe box Christmas appeal, leaflets will be going out this week.

School Calendars – We have a number of school Calendars still available in the school office for €10.00 so please drop in or get your child to pick one up.

Christmas Annuals – Annuals go on sale shortly and many thanks to Mrs. Kelly for organizing.

Concerns – *If you have any concerns regarding your child's education or any other issue the first point of contact is with the class teacher. Please ring for an appointment to meet with the teacher, this is the first step and must be followed.*

Book Fair Date Change – Book Fair is now on the 26th and 27th of November!



Flag Presentation

During October we had a special school visit from Corporal Denise Doyle. This was extra special as Cpl Doyle's niece, Sara is in 3rd Class. A huge thanks to Mr. Ryan for organising the special event and Mrs. Moran for the beautiful music.

Aistear/Integrated Play Room

A huge thank you to Mrs. Hanlon & Ms. Weston for their work on creating this beautiful room, our infants are really benefitting from it.

In support of a greener environment and to cut down on printing costs we hope to start an ecopy of our new monthly newsletter. Can you please send an email address or addresses into your child's teacher so we can email you the newsletter next month. Many thanks, C. Ruane.