

# St. Conaire's Newsletter – September 26<sup>th</sup> 2019

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Early Closure for Training:** St. Conaire's NS will close at 12 noon on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 for all pupils to facilitate whole-school training. Please arrange for your child to be collected at that time.

**Farewell to Ms. McDonagh:** This week sees us bid farewell to Ms. Deirdre McDonagh who has been appointed Principal Teacher of Creegh National School. We congratulate her warmly on her appointment and we wish Deirdre all the very best as she takes up her new position next week. On behalf of the pupils, parents, staff and Board of Management we thank Deirdre most sincerely for her contributions to St. Conaire's NS as a class teacher, Special Education Teacher and choir director. St. Conaire's loss will be Creegh's gain. Guimid rath Dé uirthi ina post nua mar phríomhoide!

### **Agreed Report from the Board of Management, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019:**

- Library for St. Conaire's: The Board agreed to explore additional means of securing a library for the school.
- The Board has also sanctioned a No-Uniform Day for October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as a gesture of support to our pupil Alex O'Shaughnessy who is currently receiving medical treatment abroad.
- The Board sanctioned art classes for the school and more details will be made available soon. The Board reviewed the school's EPV policy, Child Safeguarding Procedures and our Anti-Bullying Procedures.
- The Board also considered school accommodation issues. **Please see important note below regarding our Windows Replacement Project.**

**Cross Country Success:** Almost 40 pupils attended the schools' cross country in Lees Road on Tuesday of this week. They represented the school very well and we had two medal winners in Glen Hughes and Hannah Nunes. Congratulations to them both and to their coaches, Mr. McNamara, Ms. Gough and Ciara Byrnes.

**First Communion Meeting:** A meeting for parents of pupils in 2<sup>nd</sup> class who are making their First Holy Communion in 2020 will take place on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the school hall.

**Confirmation Meeting:** A meeting of parents of pupils in 6<sup>th</sup> class who are making their Confirmation in 2020 will take place next Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the school hall at St. Conaire's NS.

**Parent Association AGM:** The AGM will take place at 8 pm on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in St. Conaire's NS. All parents are welcome.

**Aldi Sticker Collection:** We are collecting Aldi Rugby Stickers for a competition the store is running for a prize of €50,000 towards sports equipment. We are nearly there with the first poster filled and if you have any stickers we would greatly appreciate if you sent them in.

**Child Safeguarding:** The Board of Management has reviewed and ratified the school's safeguarding statement. This is available on the school website.

### **WINDOWS REPLACEMENT PROJECT 2019**

The final phase of this large-scale project will start on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There will be a series of rolling classroom closures to facilitate the work. Two classes a day will be moved to different rooms to continue their work as normal.

As the health and safety of pupils, staff and parents are our priority, we will be asking everyone to be aware of the presence of contractors on site.

The contractors will be separate from the pupils at all times but certain areas will be fenced off for safety. We ask you to be aware of the following:

Sections of the yard close to the main building will be closed off on a rolling basis.

The Cronan Gate may be closed for a few days to enable the side windows to be changed – this will be notified to you in advance and we ask that the gate by the GAA be used at that time.

Parts of the car park at the front of the school will also be closed off at certain times.

We will issue further updates as the work proceeds.

We realise this will be a disruption but we are keen to finish this project as soon as possible. The health and safety of everyone is our key priority and we appreciate your co-operation and understanding as we continue to improve the school for pupils, staff and parents.

The Board of Management

Yours sincerely,  
Peter Walsh  
Principal Teacher

Maria O'Driscoll  
Deputy Principal