

St. Conaire's Newsletter – October 19th, 2020

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Halloween Dress Up, Friday October 23rd, 2020: All pupils are invited to dress up for our annual mid-term No Uniform Day which will take place on Friday week, October 23rd, 2020. This year, we are going to donate proceeds to Milford Hospice and the Burren Chernobyl Project. We will be passing the proceeds to Milford Hospice in recognition of the wonderful work they do and we will also be supporting the Burren Chernobyl Project this year as it is 20 years since the people of Shannon Parish first got together to help the children in the Goradiche Orphanage. We would be grateful for any support you can give. We will let you know how much was raised after Halloween.

October Mid-term break: St. Conaire's NS will be closed from October 26th to October 30th inclusive. School will resume on Monday, November 2nd, 2020.

Important information for parents/guardians of 6th class pupils: Both St. Caimin's Community School and St. Patrick's Comprehensive School will start accepting applications for enrolment for new First Years this week. The schools will commence the process this coming Friday. Please check their websites for all information relating to the process. It is important that your child's application is made on time. Please check the school websites for further information:

St. Caimin's Community School-----www.stcaimins.ie

St. Patrick's Comprehensive School-----www.stpatrickscprehensive.ie

Congratulations: Warmest congratulations to 3rd class pupil Liwia Mierzwicka who won a prize in Shannon Library's Roald Dahl Colouring Competition. Well done to everyone who took part.

Covid-19 Information: All school-related Covid-19 information is posted on the school website www.conaires.ie This section of the website will be updated regularly.

Code of Behaviour Review: The school's code of behaviour has been reviewed this term. It is posted on the school website for your information. The code will be sent to the Board of Management shortly.

Coats/jackets: Please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat/jacket that has a hood. As we turn towards winter it is very important that all children have appropriate outdoor clothing as we will be going out on to the yard every day. Your child's name should be marked clearly on their property.

Road Safety: The Board of Management of St. Conaire's NS would like to draw your attention to the following please:

- Ample parking is available at Wolfe Tones GAA club for parents wishing to drop children to the rear of the school. There is a safe footpath all the way from Wolfe Tones into the school.
- There is no parking or dropping off allowed at the rear entrances to the school at any time. These are designated emergency entrances and must be kept clear at all times.
- Pupils should not cross the road at the bottom of Dr. Green's Hill. This is a very busy junction. They should walk along the path and cross safely at the warden.
- A small number of parents let children out of their cars at the front of the school in the warden's zone. This is not a safe practice and should be discontinued.
- PUPILS MUST NOT ENTER THE STAFF CAR PARK AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL AT ANY TIME.

Agreed Report of the Board of Management: At its meeting on September 22nd, 2020 the Board of Management noted the following:

1. Planning permission has been sought for the retention of the playschool at St. Conaire's. The playschool will be operated by Emma Bowen under the title "Little Bubbles".
2. The Board of Management commended all involved with the First Holy Communion Ceremony on Saturday, September 19th, 2020.
3. Mary Immaculate students Sasha McGettrick, Emma Ryan and Lillian Glynn were approved for teaching practice placements in St. Conaire's NS subject to the school protocols around Covid-19.
4. The school noted the preparation and implementation of the school response plan for distance learning in the event of a partial or full shutdown.
5. The Board of Management is exploring the development of a library space to fit in with our school improvement planning around reading engagement.
6. Two Transition Year students were approved for non-classroom placements in St. Conaire's NS subject to Covid-19 protocols.
7. The Board of Management wishes to thank all pupils, parents and staff for your co-operation with Covid-19 arrangements in the school. Your support is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Walsh

Principal Teacher