

St. Conaire's Newsletter – October 18th, 2021

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Halloween Dress Up, Friday October 22nd, 2021: All pupils are invited to dress up for our annual mid-term *No Uniform Day* which will take place on Friday, October 22nd, 2021. This year, we are going to donate proceeds to the Shannon Chapter of St. Vincent DePaul. 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 25th to October 29th inclusive. School will resume on Monday, November 1st, 2021 for all pupils. We wish all everyone a safe and restful break.

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. 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

Leaving messages/email: If you wish to contact the school before opening hours, please leave a message on the telephone or email the school at conaires@gmail.com. The answering machine and emails are checked on a regular basis throughout the day.

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.

Covid-19 Declaration Forms: If a child goes home sick from school during the day a declaration form will appear on your Aladdin page. Please complete this before your child returns to school.

Cash for Clobber Collection: The Parents' Association have started their Cash for Clobber Fundraiser. Clean items of clothing, curtains etc. may be dropped to the rear of the school (GAA side) every Saturday until December 4th between 10 am and 12 noon. The dates are as follows:

✦October 23rd, ✦October 30th, ✦November 6th, ✦November 13th, ✦November 20th, ✦November 27th and ✦December 4th (all Saturdays)

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 to the yard every day. Your child's name should be marked clearly on their property.

Inappropriate games/viewing: Please be aware of what your child is playing/watching online. Staff have become aware of some younger children watching series that glorify extreme violence and this can translate into aggression on the playground. Children are highly impressionable and should not be exposed to such "entertainment" as it can affect themselves and others.

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.

Reminder about timekeeping: Please ensure that your child comes to the school on time. Lateness impacts your child and the rest of the class. The school gates are closed promptly in the morning to ensure the safety of all children who come on to the school grounds.

Hurleys & Helmets 2021: Information about the hurleys and helmets order 2021 has been sent home with your child. The closing date for the orders is today, Monday, October 18th.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Walsh

Principal Teacher