

# ST. PETER APOSTLE SNS

## NEWSLETTER.

September 2018

### **1. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – TERM 1.**

**Halloween:** School closes on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (Presidential Election Friday 26<sup>th</sup>)** and re-opens on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

**Christmas:** School closes on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 at 12 noon** and re-opens on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

Please see separate School Calendar on our School Website [www.stpeterapostlesns.ie](http://www.stpeterapostlesns.ie)

### **2. WELCOME BACK.**

We hope you have had an enjoyable summer break and wish you well for the new school year. A special welcome to our new Third Class pupils along with our new pupils in many other classes who have settled in so well to school life, and to their parents who have been so supportive over the last few weeks.

### **3. MORNING ARRIVAL TIME.**

It is important that all children are in school **on time**. Children should assemble in the yard shortly before **9.00a.m.** Supervision is provided in the yard each morning from **8.30a.m.** Children should not come to the yard before that time for safety reasons as they will not be supervised.

If your child is late for school, he/she should not go to the yard but should enter the school at the main door. We will inform you if your child is regularly late for school. Punctuality is an admirable trait that will stand to your child throughout his/her life and we would really appreciate your support in promoting it.

### **4. BREAKFAST CLUB.**

Our Breakfast Club is up and running and welcomes all pupils every morning in the school kitchen from **8.30 – 9.00 am.**

### **5. HEALTHY EATING.**

We would like to remind parents of our **Healthy Eating Policy**. Lunch is provided for all pupils every day. If for some reason your child does not want to avail of the school lunches they can bring their own Healthy Lunch with them. Fizzy and energy drinks are not permitted. Breaded chicken, sausage sandwiches etc are also not permitted. Thank you for your support with our **Healthy Eating Policy**.

### **6. SAFETY AT HOME TIME.**

We are concerned about the safety of the children when exiting the grounds at home time. It is essential that the pathways out of the school are kept clear so that the children can exit safely. We understand that the area is very congested with such a large number of children exiting at the same time. However, the children's safety must be prioritised. Parents are asked not to block the school gates or park in that vicinity.

If your child cycles to school, please remind him/her to dismount from their bike on entering the school gates and to park their bike at the bike rack. At home time they are asked to walk with their bikes to the school gates.

### **7. PARENTS' ASSOCIATION.**

We are fortunate to have a wonderful and supportive Parents' Association (PA) in St. Peter Apostle Junior and Senior Schools. They work hard to ensure that our children enjoy a rounded education, funding many initiatives ranging from sports to Music, and organising many of the fun events in the school. To find out more, and to become involved, please contact our Home School Liaison Teacher, Aoife Cassidy and she will connect you with the relevant parents.

### **8. RENTAL BOOKS.**

If you have not yet paid your child's Book Rental I would ask you to please do so as soon as possible. Rental books for the year have now been distributed to all children. Children are permitted to write into activity books but we request that the children do not write on text books and that they return them in good condition at the end of the school year so as they can be reused again. We would appreciate parental involvement in reinforcing these requests at home.

#### **9. INTERNET SAFETY.**

We would like to remind all parents/guardians of the importance of being vigilant with your child's use of mobile technology and access to the internet. While we applaud the use of technology to promote learning, we are also aware of the anxiety that can be caused by unmonitored use of social media. Please refer to [www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie) for excellent advice, information and tips on internet safety.

#### **10. MEDICATION.**

We ask parents whose children have medication in the school to contact the new class teacher to ensure that he/she is familiar with your child's condition and the instructions for administering the medicine in an emergency.

In line with our Health and Safety Policy, parents must liaise with the class teacher if their child needs to take any form of medication during school hours.

#### **12. REMINDERS.**

- Please note that **nuts or foods containing nut traces** are **not permitted** in school.
- Parents **are requested** to leave any messages for their children with the office and not to call to the classrooms.
- If your child is absent from school, it is **not necessary** to telephone the school. A short note in your child's homework journal on his/her return will suffice.
- We ask parents to **label all** items of clothing clearly for easy identification if mislaid.