

ST. PETER APOSTLE SNS

NEWSLETTER.

November 2018

1. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – TERM 1.

School Closure: Friday 23rd November for Staff ASD Training

Parent Teacher Meetings: Thursday 29th November and Thursday 6th December. School finishes at 2.00pm on both days. Notes will be sent home indicating your meeting date and time, if this does not suit you please let the class teacher know as soon as possible to rearrange a different time.

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

Please see separate School Calendar on our School Website www.stpeterapostlesns.ie

2. PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

Thank you very much to our Parent's Association for organising a very successful school disco.

Our Parent's Association is very active in the school and if you would be interested in hearing more about how you could help them out please contact our Home School Liaison Teacher, Aoife Cassidy. Our Parent's Association have purchased new sports equipment for our school and we are very grateful to them for their fundraising efforts.

3. BAKE SALE

A big thank you to Ms. Lee's sixth class for organising our school bake sale in aid of **Temple Street Children's Hospital**. They raised €600 for the charity and put a lot of effort into their organisation of the bake sale. Thank you to all who donated baked goods and supported the event.

4. MARATHON KIDS PROGRAMME

Huge congratulations to all of our 5th and 6th class pupils for taking part in South Dublin County Council Marathon Kids Programme. Over the eight weeks of the programme, all pupils ran the equivalent of a full marathon, an astonishing 26.2 miles. Their fitness levels improved greatly and this was evident on the final day of the programme when they ran the final mile in Morton Stadium, Santry and were presented with medals for their outstanding efforts.

5. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All classes are taking part in extra-curricular activities provided in school throughout the week. Our 3rd and 4th classes are continuing their violin lessons with Jessica on Tuesdays while our 5th and 6th classes are preparing for our annual Battle of The Bands contest. Our 5th and 6th class pupils have been taking part in Soccer Skills with professional soccer coach, Martin Russell. Our 3rd and 4th classes are having dance lessons with our dance teacher, Bernie on Thursdays

6. 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.

7. BREAKFAST CLUB.

Our Breakfast Club welcomes all pupils every morning in the school kitchen from 8.30 – 8.50am.

8. 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**.

9. 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.

10. 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 for excellent advice, information and tips on internet safety.

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 you need to talk to your child's class teacher we would ask you to make an appointment.
- If your contact details have changed please inform us as it is important that we have contact details for all pupils.
- 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.