



Dear Parents, It is hard to believe that we are almost at Mid-term already and the school is beginning to get into that Halloween spirit ! The following news and dates for your diary may be useful:

- Our Child Protection Policy has now been reviewed and updated and is available in the school or at www.stcathns.com
- Our S.I.P. (School Improvement Plan) is on display in the Foyer and is also available on line

- We had a wonderful visit with our Lord Mayor on Monday 14th and the Evening Echo did a lovely spread on us. Homework off sent everyone home happy :).
- We have had Enrollment Ceremony and Ceremony of Light for our First Holy Communion & Confirmation girls in the last two weeks and as always these were beautifully spiritual and moving events. We thank you in advance for your continued vital support with sacrament preparation and ask that you would work on Mass responses regularly as this presents a huge time challenge for schools nowadays. Previously all pupils preparing for sacraments were regular Mass goers and so knew the responses by heart already.
- You may not realise that we pray each morning for many special intentions as people get great comfort from the sense that children's prayers storm heaven. We are praying especially for two young children at present as well as several adult relatives of pupils and we would love if you could join your prayers to ours too. In November we will
- Our Sciath Na Scol Football campaign went amazingly well considering that we were placed in Division 1 of the competition having been out of it for several years. We are so proud of the girls and their trainers- Ms. Kellegher, Ms. Walsh and Mr. Clune.
- Friday 25th is Dress up for Halloween Day and we ask that you support our Parents Association fundraiser for Class Room Ipads with a €2 per family donation if possible. We, the staff of St. Catherine's are hugely grateful to you all for your amazing support in ensuring we are a really well resourced school.
- Parent Teacher Meetings for Junior Infants take place this week. All other classes are as per School Calendar.
- Those beautiful Class Calendars with class photo are available from teachers.
- Christmas Card orders will be taken after mid term so more on that later:) Remember your child gets a pack with their personally designed card so I'm sure family overseas and Grand parents especially will love to have one.
- We will confirm dates and times for little Christmas performances in the coming days. This year we will be hosting parents in class groups in the afternoons of the week commencing Dec 9th.
- May we thank you most sincerely for the huge response payment of school expenses this year. The feedback on how all of this has been organised this year has been so so positive and we are glad to hear that it took pressure off families and eased the back to school stress.
- Uniforms - please remember we have a great selection of top quality second hand uniforms available in school should you wish to take them. All we ask is that the area where they are stored is kept tidy and a small donation made to Office to cover cleaning etc. A big thank you to all who have all helped so much with this since September. May we ask that you donate any uniforms - in very good condition please :-)- after mid-term as we hope to have them on display for Parent Teacher Meetings in November.
- Junior Infants 2014/2015- forms will go online in November so please keep an eye on our website for closing date for receipt of applications.
- Finally may I thank all those helping out with Do this in Memory Masses; 6th Class Year Book; Green Schools 4th Flag Campaign; Ceolteoirí; Who will be my witness Masses; Website management & Health Promoting Schools Campaign. What a busy school community we are! And don't forget to keep updated on all that's going on in school on www.stcathns.com

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

