

Scoil Mhuire NS

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### **Up Coming School Events 2016/17**

#### **Hallowe'en Fancy Dress for Loughlin Óg Burns Friday October 28th**

Over the last two years we have been involved in the Temple Street Fund raising drive and have had a Fancy Dress Hallowe'en Style on the last day in advance of Hallowe'en Break. This year we will be continuing with the same event but will be fundraising for local child Loughlin Óg Burns. More details later.

#### **Parent Teacher Meetings 2016/17**

Parent Teacher meetings will take place for this school year on Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup>. Detailed timetable will issue closer to date.

#### **School Christmas Concerts 2016/17**

It has been decided to split the concert this year on account of the increased enrolment and the lack of capacity in the Community Centre to cater for all on the one night. Junior Infants/Senior Infants/First Class will perform on Tuesday December 20 while Second Class to Sixth Class will take stage on Wednesday December 21.

#### **First Holy Communion 2017**

Saturday 19 November 2016 Ceremony of Enrolment, St Michael's Church 7pm

Tuesday 04 April 2017 First Confession, St Joseph's Cloonturk 7pm

Sunday 14 May First Holy Communion, St Michael's Church 11am

#### **Confirmation 2017 Dates**

Saturday 19 November 2016 Ceremony of Enrolment, St Michael's Church 7pm

Saturday 28 January 2017 Commitment Ceremony, St Michael's Church 7pm

Saturday 04 March 2017 Prayer Service of Light, St Michael's Church 7pm

Saturday 11 March 2017 Confirmation, St Michael's Church 11am

#### **Oral Language Curriculum**

An addition to the school closures as previously circulated there will be the staff in service day which will take place on **Friday December 16** in Carrick Education Centre. Scoil Mhuire will remain closed on this date.

## School Swimming Programme 2016/17

It has been decided to reverse the order of the swimming rota this year in order in favour of the first class pupils who will be 7 months older by the time they commence their programme in April. Definite rota will issue later but the School Swimming Programme will be delivered in two **8 week** blocks this year.

**Block 1** Monday 24 October to Monday 19 December 2016 Fourth to Sixth Classes (8 Mondays)

**Block 2** Monday 03 April to Monday 19 June 2017 First to Third Classes (8 Mondays)

## School Website

Scoil Mhuire NS is now online and we may be accessed at [www.bornacoolans.ie](http://www.bornacoolans.ie) We look forward to your enjoyment of this facility and hope that it will be of great assistance in the sharing of information. Our gratitude is extended to Colin McGuinness for his expertise, time and patience with this project.

## Learning Support

Ms. Aisling Kilrane is completing a Post Graduate study in Learning Support, with Board of Management approval. This involves absence from school for two 4 week blocks, Block 1 having commenced on September 19, the remaining block continuing in early 2017. She is currently being replaced by substitute Ms. Victoria Duignan.

## Healthy Lunch

Scoil Mhuire NS encourages that all lunches and snacks are of the healthy variety in all cases. No fizzy drinks, chocolate or sweets please. You are asked to note also that, as there is a pupil with an acute intolerance of nuts in the school, to avoid including nuts or nut based snacks in lunch boxes. Nut based sandwich spreads are also off the menu. This applies to all classes.

## Board of Management Briefing

The School Board of Management met on July 4 and September 19. Matters of interest for general circulation:

Construction of Polytunnel agreed in July and completion noted at September meeting.

School Website construction ongoing in Summer Holidays and its completion noted at September meeting. Colin McGuinness was congratulated on his time and effort given voluntarily towards this project.

Matters raised at the most recent Parents Association Meeting were discussed and it was agreed that safety of pupils leaving the school at 3pm required ongoing monitoring. A safety rail would be erected along the pathway leading to the bus. **Please exercise extreme caution when arriving, parking or departing in school vicinity.**

The matter raised by the PA regarding overcrowding at Christmas Concert was discussed and staff reported that that they had previously discussed it and had decided to split the concert over two nights.

It was noted that the PA had secured funding towards a Sports Day later in the school year.

Representatives of the PA were thanked for their help in the reorganisation of rooms and help in filling skip on the Friday evening in advance of school reopening.

It was noted that the Board's correspondence to the Department of Education regarding our concern that our Learning Support Allocation for 2016/17 was based on a 3 Teacher Mainstream Unit, rather than the 4 Teacher Unit that we now are, had been replied to. The reply from the Minister for Education and Skills outlined that Department policy on this matter was that we would not be entitled to the extra learning support until 2017/18.

Yours sincerely  
Declan Bohan  
Principal