

Scoil San Treasa

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A busy first term is now well underway. Well done to the boys and girls for their enthusiasm and effort. We reiterate our thanks to all those who support our pupils in so many ways, now and throughout the school year. *Míle buíochas.*

SPHE & Personal Safety

SPHE (Social, Personal and Health Education) is an important part of our work here in Scoil San Treasa. It is good practice to regularly review safety rules with all children so that good patterns of behaviour are well established and embedded in practice. Parents have a key role in this and are encouraged to be safety conscious on an ongoing and consistent basis and to regularly reinforce good practice around **personal safety** with regard to children at going-home time, coming to school in the morning, when they are 'out and about generally' – following parents' instructions and not accepting lifts from strangers, for example. The Gardaí remind parents and minders to be safety conscious and vigilant at all times and advise parents to contact them should they ever have any concerns about suspicious behaviour in the area.

You are reminded also of the importance of **Internet Safety** and vigilance with regard to children's use of various ICT devices. We encourage all parents to visit the 'Links' section of our website www.sstreaasa.ie where you will be able to access some relevant information on Internet Safety and related areas.

Remember also that Thursday evening is SPHE Scrapbook evening throughout the school – the evening when all children normally bring home their SPHE Scrapbook. This is a useful opportunity for parents to discuss and build on SPHE topics with their children.

Your child's overall safety is important to us, and school security is also important

Visitors to the school should always call to the secretary's office first – this includes those who may have a message for someone in the prefabs. Should you need to take your child from school early, please send a note to the teacher in advance. (Please note that should it be necessary for you to collect your child early, you should call to the secretary's office at the appointed time. The secretary will then contact the class.) For reasons of safety and security, we ask that you do not arrange to collect your child from the yard during playtime. You will understand that this is ultimately in everyone's interest, from a safety and security perspective. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in these matters.

Schoolbags and belongings generally

You are encouraged to help your child to organise his/her belongings for school so that the risk of unnecessarily heavy schoolbags is minimised. Simple steps such as not carrying a heavy dictionary to and from school each day or not carrying a few heavy library books in the bag at the same time can do much to 'ease the burden' for your child. Sometimes children can have large quantities of pens/markers etc. in the bag each day...cutting down on pencil-case contents that may not be needed or having a back-up set of colouring pencils at home could make the schoolbag more manageable for your child.

Book Rental

As you are aware, our book rental scheme was extended further this year. The books are in very good condition – a large number were recently given new covers and some new schemes were added. This scheme is operated for the benefit of parents and their children and we welcome your ongoing support, assistance and encouragement in sustaining and developing this valuable element of what we offer. Please ensure that your child takes great care of the books so that together we can maintain the high quality of the scheme.

Dates for your diary:

Parent/Teacher Meetings for all classes from Junior Infants to Sixth Class: 21st & 22nd November 2017. As in previous years, these meetings will take place in the afternoon/early evening. Further details will issue closer to the time.

Renewed good wishes to all in the new school year!

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Anne English - Príomhoide