

Scoil San Treasa

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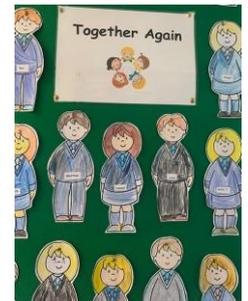
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Fáilte ar ais!

The school year is now well underway and the children are to be highly commended on their great work, enthusiasm and the happiness that they bring to the school. Their work in the classrooms and the beautiful art work on the corridors create a real buzz in the school. Maith sibh go léir a pháistí!. A special 'fáilte' for the Junior Infants, new children, and their families to our school. We wish you all continued happiness and success in the months and years ahead.



Wellbeing

The beginning of the school year is a good time to remind ourselves of a few important points. If you have not already done so, parents of junior infants or of other children new to the school should make sure that your child's 'emergency closing form' and 'confidential information sheet' have been completed and returned to the school. If details change in the course of the year (e.g. phone numbers/address) please remember to let the secretary and class teacher know straight away – in writing.

We reiterate the following with regard to access to the school outside of school hours - Your child's safety is important to us, and school security is also important. Parents are responsible for their children outside of official school hours. (8:40am to 1:20pm for infants; 8:40am to 2:20pm for other classes).

SPHE is always a very important part of our work here in school and all children will bring home their SPHE scrapbook and/or Mindful Matters pupil book every Tuesday. This is a practical way of heightening parent awareness of SPHE matters addressed in school and also facilitates parent/child discussion around these topics. It is good practice to regularly revise safety rules with children – personal safety with regard to going-home time, coming to school and when they are 'out and about' generally.

Healthy Eating Week

Healthy Eating Week took place in our school from 13th – 17th September and it is good to see the high level of commitment to healthy lunches in the school. For health and safety reasons, we request that nuts are not included in your child's school lunch. Please note, that we cannot guarantee that the school will be a nut-free zone. It is important that parents of children who may have allergies/food intolerances ensure that their children are aware of the importance of not eating food other than that which they know to be safe. Please refer to our Healthy Eating Policy on www.sstreaasa.ie



Green Schools

Our Biodiversity programme – linked with our Green Schools activities and our overall Social, Environmental and Scientific Education programme – is ongoing. Pupils in Senior Infants, 1st and 5th classes enjoyed recent workshops with Patrick Hunt. Their programme to date has included much learning about the flora and fauna around our school grounds. The children derive much enjoyment and benefit from their engagement with this programme.

Online Safety Week

Online Safety is always an area of huge importance and priority in our school and it will receive an added focus throughout the school next week (27th September – 1st October). During the week, children's awareness of online safety will be heightened, at an age appropriate level. Your attention is drawn to Internet Safety resources/links on our school website, in particular the website <https://www.webwise.ie/> where you will find information, advice and free educational resources addressing a range of internet safety issues and concerns - from a parental perspective. You are encouraged to visit this site regularly so that you may access up-to-date information about current trends and patterns, and tips on how to address matters relating to online safety. Parental vigilance around children's access to internet-enabled devices and/or phones needs to be at a high level at all times.

Sacraments



Great work has gone into the preparations for the Sacraments with the pupils, teaching staff, parish personnel and families contributing in many and varied ways. We wish all of the children in the various classes every blessing as they prepare and partake in the Sacrament of Penance (16th & 24th Sept), First Holy Communion (25th Sept & 3rd October) and Confirmation (23rd & 30th September). Thank you to all those who support them in their journey of faith in so many different ways - school, home, parish and beyond.



Admission: Junior Infants 2022/2023

In accordance with the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018, Scoil San Treasa's Admission Policy and Admission Notice is published on www.sstreasa.ie. (If you are not in a position to access these documents on line, please request a copy from the school). Please note that as per the Admission Notice for 2022/2023 the school will commence accepting applications for admission to **Junior Infants 2022/2023 on 1st October 2021** and will **cease accepting applications on 31st October 2021**. Should you have already submitted an application for admission to Junior Infants in 2022, please note that this unprocessed application will be returned to you and a new application must be submitted for your child as part of the application process.

Pupil Personal Insurance

The school has registered all children on the school roll for 24-hour cover under the Allianz Schools Pupil Personal Accident Insurance. For details on the benefits, both medical and dental, please refer to www.allianz.ie/schools/pupil-personal-accident/policy-benefits/

Uniform and Belongings

We encourage you to ensure that all items of clothing, including jackets/coats, are **labelled clearly** with your child's name. When items of uniform are lost (and – hopefully – found...) it is very difficult to return them to their owner if they are not labelled. It is a good idea to check items every now and then to ensure that the label is legible.

Absences and Returning to School

Scoil San Treasa uses "Aladdin Connect" to securely communicate and share information with parents/guardians. As well as messages from our school, you can view details that are shared with you about your child's reports, homework and parent-teacher meetings. Children's absences and the 'Return to School Declaration' can also be entered by parents on Aladdin Connect. Parents can communicate via the Aladdin App directly with the school in the following situations: -

- If your child is absent, please enter an explanation on Aladdin. The explanation can be put up once the roll has been taken in school.
- When your child is due to return to school, please make sure to complete the Return to School Declaration.
- Parents can now notify school in advance of absences, late arrivals or early leavings.

[For more details, please click here.](#)



Parents Association

Thank you to the Parents Association for their ongoing support in the work of the school and to those who give of their time and expertise in various capacities – in recent projects such as the upgrading of the outdoor classroom and the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Buíochas also to the parents and children of 6th class 2020/2021 for organising and donating a new bench for the outdoor classroom.



Health and Safety

As the weather is now getting colder and with the added importance of the classrooms being well ventilated during the school day, please ensure that your child is wearing warm clothes to school. The children should also bring a jacket/extra top for yard time. As always, children should stay at home if they are unwell in any way. Please be vigilant for all symptoms of Covid 19 (common and uncommon). Further information at this link - [symptoms of Covid-19](#). Please also refer to the [HPSC isolation quick guide for parents](#).

Renewed good wishes to all associated with the school. The support and goodwill of so many is greatly valued by all in Scoil San Treasa and has a hugely positive impact on the children's wellbeing and success. A special word of thanks to the Board of Management for their ongoing fine work for the good of the school. Again this year, significant work was carried out in the course of the summer with regard to general maintenance of the building (including painting of all classrooms, installation of water heating systems in the sinks in the children's toilets, terrazzo cleaning, playground markings). These enhance the quality of the learning environment for all our children, and is of benefit to the entire school community. 'Míle buíochas' to all who made this possible – through their input of time, energy, enthusiasm and general goodwill.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Frances Mullin

