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## NUACHTLITIR (NEWSLETTER) FOR ALL PARENTS, No. 2, 13ú Meán Fómhair, 2018

*Well done to all our pupils on their fine input into school life already this year. There is a great buzz around the school as the children embrace wholeheartedly a range of learning experiences.*

*Included in this newsletter are some tips for you as parents on how you might support your child/ren's learning in the broad sense, as well as a few general updates.*

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**Internet Safety** is an area of huge importance. Focus on this aspect of learning is an ongoing feature of school life. Parental vigilance around children's access to internet enabled devices and/or phones needs to be at a high level at all times. Your attention is drawn to Internet Safety resources/links on our school website, in particular the website [www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie). On [www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie), you will find information, advice and free education resources addressing a range of internet safety issues and concerns. Webwise also offers advice and support via the 'Contact Us' section. 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 internet safety. Please make sure that you are familiar with our Internet Acceptable Use Policy (Internet AUP) – available at [www.sstreasa.ie](http://www.sstreasa.ie). Your attention is also directed to the various policies accessible on our website, including our Code of Behaviour, our Relationships and Sexuality Policy (RSE) and our Data Privacy Policy, for example.

The '**Supporting Your Child's Learning**' and '**Links**' sections of our website give you access to a range of helpful and engaging documents and websites. For example, your attention is drawn to the 'Frásaí do Thuismitheoirí' document – a bank of useful phrases and vocabulary that will help you to use **Gaeilge** informally with your child. Additionally, as part of the celebration of Bliain na Gaeilge 2018, Foras na Gaeilge has now made the New English-Irish Dictionary App available free of charge. It includes translations, grammatical information and sound files. Check out [www.foclóir.ie](http://www.foclóir.ie). If you would like to explore some stimulating Maths problems with your child, we suggest that you check out the website <https://nrich.maths.org>

As you already know, all children bring home their **SPHE** (Social, Personal and Health Education) scrapbook each Thursday. Following consultation with the school community, this was deemed to be a practical and manageable way of heightening parent awareness of SPHE matters addressed in school and facilitating parent/child discussion and interaction around these topics. Pupils are allowed to retain the scrapbook at home until the following Monday, if parents wish, so that everyone will be sure to get a chance to engage with the topics. This week's key focus is Healthy Eating – your ongoing support with our **Healthy Eating** Policy, specifically healthy lunches, is valued.

Our school **library** is a very valuable element of school life. The input of parent volunteers in operating the lending library on Tuesday and Thursday mornings is much appreciated. This is a meaningful way of helping to enrich our pupils' learning. Please get in touch with me directly if you would like to volunteer to help – new volunteers are being sought at the moment. You will need to have a vetting application processed - once submitted, this can take a while to process, so please do not delay in submitting an application – and a short training session on how the library operates will be provided.

Parents are reminded of the importance of including a 'hair check' (and appropriate action, depending on what one might find...) in the regular weekend routine right throughout the year. You are strongly encouraged to have children's hair, if long, tied back. It is worth bearing in mind that while the school sends out notes to alert classes when we are notified of 'hair visitors', other organisations/groups where children gather together tend not to (e.g. organisers of family gatherings, play dates, sporting events, community events, general public events). This can result in 'hair visitors' being unduly linked in the mind with the school environment.

Dates for your diary: **Scoil San Treasa's Board of Management/Parents' Association AGM is scheduled for 7:30pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October.** This meeting affords parents an opportunity to learn more about their child/ren's school and we warmly encourage you to attend. The Parents' Association (SST PA) are hard at work preparing for the **Family Fun Day in Deer Park on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September** – further information to follow.

Renewed thanks to all in the school community for your ongoing support and good will. This is much appreciated.  
Le buíochas agus le gach dea-ghuí  
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