
St. John Bosco Junior Boys' School,
Navan Road,
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Newsletter October 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

Everyone is well settled into the school routine now after a busy few weeks. With only a short time to go before the Hallowe'en break, the boys and their teachers are all working very hard. As the weather starts to get colder, I would encourage all parents to ensure that your son has a coat coming to school. The boys are outside for at least 40 minutes every day so they really need something to keep them warm. Don't forget to write your son's name on his coat, hat, scarf, gloves and any other items.

Parents' Association

The Parents' Association AGM was held on Monday 9th October. Sian Byrne and Vicky McCarthy have been elected as co-chairpersons for this year. The Parents' Association are always looking for new members to help out with various activities and events during the school year so if you have any time to spare, please consider getting involved. The next meeting will take place on Monday 13th November at 7.30pm in the parish centre. If you can't make the meeting, you can always drop an email to stjohnboscojrboysparentscttee@gmail.com or check out the PA Facebook Page - St John Bosco Junior Boys' School Parents' Association.

Witch Walk

We will have our 'Witch Walk' on Thursday 26th October. The boys can dress up in their Halloween costumes and, weather permitting, we will go for a Hallowe'en walk. The boys may bring in a €2 donation which we will use to buy footballs, basketballs, beanbags and other yard toys.

Graffiti Classics

On Friday 27th October, we will have a visit from a string quartet. This promises to be a fun and exciting show for all the boys. Thank you to the Parents' Association for funding this.

Photographer

The photographer will visit the school on Wednesday 18th October to take photos of all the boys. If you would like siblings to be taken together, please send a note in to the office with the names and classes. If the siblings are in the Senior Boys' School or the Girls' School, please provide the teacher's name too.

Maths Week

Maths Week is 14th - 22nd October so the boys will be doing lots of fun maths activities in school. You can join in by playing simple maths and counting games with your son. Board games that involve throwing dice and moving counters are particularly beneficial for younger children. You can find more ideas on www.mathsweek.ie.

New Primary Language Curriculum

As you are aware, a new Primary Language Curriculum/Curaclam Teanga na Bunscoile for English and Irish has been developed by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA). Whole-school professional development will be provided by the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST). This will comprise of a full day seminar for which school closure has been sanctioned. Our school will be closed on **Monday 15th January 2017** to enable teachers to attend this training.

Website and Twitter

Don't forget to keep up to date with activities in our school by following us on Twitter @stjohnboscojbs and keeping an eye on our school website www.stjohnboscojbs.com. The boys would love the opportunity to tell you about the photos, videos and links posted in the Classes section. The Calendar section is also a valuable way of knowing about upcoming events.

HSE

The HSE are currently carrying out hearing and vision testing on Senior Infants. They hope to get to the Junior Infants this year too. Forms have been sent home with the boys so please sign and return these as soon as possible. If you didn't receive a form, please let us know.

Car Park

As many of you are aware, traffic and parking at drop off and collection times can be extremely busy. There are a huge number of children coming and going from all three schools. We ask parents to be mindful of pedestrians, in particular small children, when driving and parking. Parents should only park in the church car park

Toys

As always, we ask parents to consider us when doing a clear-out of toys. If you have anything that you think would be suitable for school, please let me or your son's teacher know. Thank you. The type of toys we would be delighted to accept are listed below.

Lego

Lego Duplo

Mobilo

Playmobile

Toy cars, trucks or trains

Dolls - baby dolls and the Barbie type ones

Dress up costumes - doctor, nurse, Garda etc

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 26th October - Witch Walk

Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November - Midterm Break

Monday 15th January - school closed

Clodagh Farrell

Principal