
St. John Bosco Junior Boys' School,
Navan Road,
Dublin 7.



Newsletter January/February 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

A very belated Happy New Year to all our boys and parents on behalf of our Board of Management and staff. We are all full of good intentions at this time of the year and we hope that you will put punctuality and attendance at the top of your list. The school opens at 8.50am every morning and during the initial settling in period, the boys get the chance to learn important social skills in an informal setting. They love to meet and chat with their friends. They also learn to source their activities, tidy up afterwards, share and keep rules of games. This time is also used by teachers for listening to reading and correcting homework. Regular attendance at school is also vital to the success of all students.

When you are sending your son to school, please remember that the boys are usually outdoors for at least 45 minutes every day. They need to have a warm coat and maybe a hat, scarf, gloves etc. Encourage your son to fasten his coat and wear his hat going out into the yard every day.

Hedgehog Recue

On Thursday 8th March and Monday 12th March we will have visits from Hedgehog Rescue Dublin. We are looking forward to learning lots of information about hedgehogs. Thank you to the Parents' Association for funding this.

GAA

Mark Cooper is back on Tuesdays doing GAA training with all Junior Infant and Senior Infant boys. Despite the cold mornings, the boys are enjoying this immensely.

Yoga

The First Classes and the boys from the ASD Class have begun yoga classes with Emily. This is funded by the Parents' Association and will last for six weeks. There are many benefits of yoga classes for children. It helps children to respect their body and mind, calm themselves and appreciate and understand the benefits of exercise and relaxation. The yoga classes are full of fun and games to expand the imagination and improve coordination and flexibility and the boys are thoroughly enjoying them.

Cake Sale

The Parents' Committee will host their annual Cake Sale on Friday 9th March in the Library. This is a great fundraiser so we would ask all families to get involved. All donations of cakes, buns, biscuits, tarts or anything else you can think of will be very gratefully accepted. We also ask that you come along and support the Cake Sale on the day. As well as lots of treats to buy, there will be a raffle and a 'Guess the Amount' jar where you can try your luck to win a prize. Any donations can be dropped to

the school on Thursday 8th March from 1.30 to 2.30 or anytime from 8am on the Friday morning. Please put your name on any containers you wish to have returned to you after the Cake Sale.

Traffic

There have been a number of complaints about parking in the keyhole at drop off time in the morning and at pick up times in the afternoon. Please remember that this is a residential area and that there are a huge number of small children in the vicinity. We ask all parents to be considerate of both residents and our children when they are parking cars.

I have also had a message from Sr Lydia in the convent to inform families that the gate at Ratoath Road will be closed all of next week as the secondary schools are on midterm.

The Yard

We would like to gently remind everyone that dogs (except assistance dogs) are not allowed in the school yard at any time. Smoking is also not permitted in any part of our school grounds. We thank you for your co-operation in both of these matters.

Junior Infants 2018

We are currently offering places for our Junior Infant Classes for September 2018. Application forms are available from the office or on our website.

School Calendar

Don't forget to check the calendar on our school website (www.stjohnboscojbs.com) to stay up to date on events in our school. Also, follow us on Twitter to receive notifications of new items on the website.

Emergency Contact Details

If you have changed your telephone number or moved house please remember to let us know as it is vital we have emergency contact details for all boys. Also, if you are not receiving text messages please contact myself or Marie so we can rectify this.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 15th February - Friday 16th February - Mid Term Break - School Closed

Monday 19th March - Bank Holiday for St Patrick's Day - School Closed

Friday 23rd March - Half Day - school closes at 12pm for the Easter Holidays

Monday 26th March to Friday 6th April - Easter Holidays

Wednesday 27th June - First Class Graduation

Clodagh Farrell
Principal