Parents News Update November 19th 2020

1. All going well here in Scoil Treasa. We are heading in to week 12 of our return to school and Christmas is fast approaching. Thanks to all the boys and girls for their hard work and good behaviour. Keep it up!
2. Attendance figures for the month are really good – 96.3% so far this month. Well done to all.
3. We recently have upgraded our security system in the school with extra CCTV cameras and new lighting. This work, while very expensive, was necessary to help prevent any vandalism/ trespassing when school is closed.
4. Please ensure you have downloaded your ‘Aladdin’ App on to your phone for up to date notifications, payments and news. Please contact the school if you need any help with this.
5. Some fantastic work and experiments in all classes during ‘Science Week’ We have some serious scientists in the making in Scoil Treasa.
6. Our school website [www.scoiltreasa.ie](http://www.scsoiltreasa.ie) is a great way of keeping up to date on what’s happening in the school. Many of our science experiments mentioned above can be viewed under the ‘Our Classes’ tab.
7. Our Christmas Annuals – Siamsa and Sonas- are on sale for €4. They are great value with plenty of activities in the lead up to Christmas. They can be ordered and paid for through Aladdin. Closing date is December 1st. Annuals will be distributed in first week of December.
8. We will be decorating our school in early December to introduce some festive spirit – crib, tree etc. are being dusted down presently.
9. I will forward an update in early December in relation to Christmas Plays and Concerts. At the moment it is looking like these won’t be taking place in the usual format this year; however we will be doing our best to celebrate the season in an appropriate fashion.
10. Second Level Schools: Offers of places are being made at the moment. Please ensure you return your acceptance letter. Firhouse Community College’s closing date is tomorrow, (Friday 20th November).
11. Our Board of Management continues to meet online. Our next Board meeting takes place on Monday November 30th. Thanks to all Board members for their work on behalf of our school.
12. The Parents’ Association have been limited in their activities due to Covid-19 restrictions. No cake sale this year yet! Their fundraising ventures have also been curtailed, however I have spoken with the committee members and they are ready to go when the time is right. They have also pledged money towards our 30 new chromebooks for which we are very grateful.
13. Safety Issues:

We ask for your co-operation with the following:

* 1. Traffic congestion is becoming a problem outside the school, particularly in the evening at collection time. We worry about the safety of the pupils as they make their way home. Two real problems that I have noticed are - drivers parking on double yellow lines across from school thus causing traffic jams with buses and cars unable to pass and secondly drivers ignoring Debbie, our lollipop Lady and parking inappropriately where she is trying to bring the children across the road safely. These issues can be simply resolved by drivers obeying the Rules of The Road. I would ask you to please help us with this issue. I have been in touch with Rathfarnham Garda Station and they will monitor the situation also.
  2. In relation to Covid-19 and social distancing. Recently the pupils on the footpath in front of the school in the morning waiting for the bell to ring are congregating in huddles at the top of the steps. I have spoken to the classes today and asked them to be more careful and not to do this. Bell for third classes rings at 9.04 am and pupils are in class at 9.05 a.m.
  3. Finally, the carpark is for staff cars only. Please do not park here while dropping off/collecting pupils.

1. Thank you for your support in all these matters.

Regards

Gerard O’ Meara

Principal

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