

Complaints Procedure: Procedures for raising a concern or bringing a complaint about a behavioural matter.

- Parents/guardians should bring matter to the attention of the class teacher.
- If dissatisfied with the outcome, parents should bring the matter verbally to the Principal.
- If parents/guardians feel the matter is not resolved they should verbally contact the chairperson of the Board of Management.
- Parents/guardians should put their concerns to the Board of Management, in writing, if they feel unhappy with the resolution of the issue.

Dates for your Calendar.

The children in 2nd class will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday April 28th. The date for Confirmation is May 25th.

Green Schools.

Our Green Schools theme for the next 2 years is “Global Citizenship—The Marine Environment”. We are now inviting children from 2nd to 6th class to write a letter of application to join the new Green Schools Committee.

Cross Country

Congratulations and well done to all our athletes who took part in the East Clare Primary Schools Cross Country in Lees Rd. On Thursday September 14th. Well done to Lisa Nicholas who came first in the girls under 10 race ,to Zoe Quinn who came 3rd in her race and Evie Quinn who came 7th. Well done also to the girls under 10 team of Lisa Nicholas, Evie Quinn, Fia Purcell, Sophie Murphy, Joanna McCarthy and Aoife Boyce who came third in the team competition.

St. Mochullas Parents Association.

Here in St. Mochullas we are extremely fortunate to have a very vibrant and active Parents Association. The Parents Association contribute enormously to the life of St. Mochullas. Last year’s Christmas and Easter Fairs were wonderful occasions. They run functions for the children of Holy Communion and Confirmation classes each year. It plays a vital role in helping to fundraise each year through the Cash For Clobber and other valuable fundraising initiatives.

The first meeting of the new year will take place over the coming weeks and we encourage as many parents to attend as possible—all ideas and help greatly appreciated.

If there is an activity you would like to see the Parent Association involved in please contact any member of the committee with your ideas.

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ST. MOCHULLA’S NEWSLETTER

Principal’s Message.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our school newsletter. On behalf of the staff of St. Mochullas, I am delighted to welcome you to the 2017-18 school year! Whether you are returning for another year or attending St. Mochullas for the first time, we hope that the year ahead will be a productive and happy year for you all and for your children. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure all the children attending St. Mochullas can achieve their highest potential. If throughout the year you wish to discuss any issue relevant to your child’s education, please contact the office at 065-6835840.

Le gach dea mhéin,

Brian Culloo

September Birthday Parade.

Happy birthday to the following people :

Charlie Moroney, Saoirse McGreevy, TJ Ringrose, Zoey Sandford, Padraic Fitzgearld, Meadhbh Hely, Jack Benson, Diarmuid Boyce , Ailbhe Wrafter, Alison McCarthy, Conor McCarthy, Aoibhinn O Mahony, Molly Higgins, Ava Crowe, Holly Regan, Evan McGrath, Sophie Murphy, Jamie Cullinan, Aoibhinn O Neill, Ryan Leyden, Lauren Moriarty, Mark Malone, Owen Clarke, Eoghan McEntee,, Oisín Frazer, Evan Byrnes

Some Words of Wisdom.

Life is a school. Those who learn to love, respect and help others graduate with honours.

Welcome to our new Junior Infants.

Wednesday August 30th was a very exciting day for the following boys and girls: Léila Ashmore, Ben Collins McCarthy, Eolann Courtney, Faye Culhane, Alice Hall, Tom Hayes, Tom Hely, Kate Hurley, Ella Kelleher, Grace Lillis, Elaine Littleton, Zoe McAdam O Connell, Amelie McCarthy, Ross McInerney, Alyssa McMahan, Charlie Moroney, Lucy O Dwyer, Eimear O Keefe, Aoibhe O Rourke, Kasey Quigley, Adam Quinn, Ben Reidy, and Alex Walshe.

We also welcome Kate Madden to Senior Infants, Lorcan Quigley to 1st class, Daragh Ruane to 3rd class, Aoibhinn Creaven, Siún Counihan and Conor Ruane to 4th class, Avril Creaven to 6th class. Welcome to Ms. Áine Dinan who has joined St. Mochulla's staff this year. We hope you will all be very happy with us here in St. Mochullas.

Parking.

In the interest of the health and safety of all the children in St. Mochullas, we ask that you please observe the following:

- Park on school side of road **ONLY** so as to avoid children having to cross the road.
- The bus bay is for buses only but may be used as a drop off zone only when buses have departed.
- Please enter the bus bay via the entrance furthest from the school gate.
- Please observe the set down only area and the no parking zone (immediately outside school).

Entering/exiting the school

All children are asked to enter and exit the school grounds through the main gate **only**. The car park entrance is for cars only. **Children must not be walked through the car park.** Those cycling to school should dismount their bikes on entering the school grounds.

It is most important that this message is given to those who bring your child to school.

Walking and cycling to school.

If your child is walking or cycling to school please speak to them about the importance of road safety. Please ensure they wear a hi-viz jacket and helmet if cycling.

Personal Accident Insurance - Allianz.

The Personal Accident Insurance provider is Allianz. This policy offers cover for children at a cost of €7 per child. This offers 24hour/365days a year cover. This cover will meet medical expenses. It is strongly recommended that you avail of this insurance cover.

Visit www.allianz.ie/other_products/schools/pupil-personal-accident/ for more information on this scheme.

Addresses and phone numbers.

Please let us know if you have changed your address or phone contact number. It is essential that we have up to date contact details for all children.

Labelling of Clothing

Please ensure your child's clothing and other items are clearly labelled to minimise the amount of lost property that accumulates in the school each year.

Credit Union

The local chapter of the St. Francis Credit Union visits this school every Friday. They will start back this Friday 15th September for existing members. Application forms will be available for any child who may wish to join the Credit Union however initial joining process must take place at a branch office.

Family contributions

A voluntary family contribution towards Art and Crafts, photocopying and Accelerated Reader is asked at this time of year. A guideline of €30 per child with a maximum of €60 per family is requested.

Please be reminded that throughout the year, finance should never prohibit any child from participating in any school related events.

Please contact the office in this regard.

Education Welfare Act

Schools are obliged by law under The Education (Welfare) Act 2000 to submit reports on school attendance to the Educational Welfare Services of The Child and Family Agency. (TUSLA) The school is obliged by legislation to inform TUSLA when a child has been absent for 20 days in a school year. If your child is absent from school, it is necessary for you to provide the following information **in writing, to the class teacher, the date(s) in which your child was absent and the reason for his/her absence.** For your convenience, there are pre printed notes at the back of the school journal.

We would like to remind you of the following school policies regarding:

Jewellery

To ensure safety and to eliminate the risk of injury during P.E. jewellery should **not** be worn by pupils during the school day. This includes earrings and chains.

Mobile phones

Pupils are only permitted to bring mobile phones to school for use in an emergency type situation. These phones will be kept in the office during the course of the school day. The school cannot accept responsibility for the safe-keeping of mobile phones brought to school.

Birthday Party Invitations

You are asked not to distribute birthday invitations via the school. It is very difficult to explain to children why they might be excluded from a party. Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated.

Visitors Log. This is to record when a child leaves school **during** the school day. Always sign when collecting your child. These logs are located near the office and at the classrooms.

Children are not allowed to leave the school grounds during the school day unless collected by a parent or guardian and must be collected from their classroom door.

Homework. You are requested to check homework and sign your child's school diary daily.

School uniform: We would like to remind children that full school uniform, including a tie should be worn every day except on P.E. day. Ties are available to buy from the office at a cost of €4.