



# St. Peter's National School/ Drogheda

March 2018

## School Newsletter



### From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

At this time of the year we usually have a spring in our step but this year is certainly not that Spring like yet! Given the bad weather we have examined the Department Circular 0009/2017 which sets out the Standardisation of the School year and contains guidance for schools in relation to making up time lost due to unforeseen closures. Many things must be weighed up in making this decision including the availability of staff and plans parents have made for standardised closures, how much tuition was lost and how much notice is required to change holidays. The teachers have agreed to ensure that each curriculum will be completed before the end of the school year and it is not felt at this time that extra-curricular trips or sports activities should be curtailed. After consultation with the staff and the PTA, the Board have decided not to take 2 half days that were planned this month. Instead the children will remain in school until 3pm and buses will operate. Infants are welcome to stay until 3pm as well.

The Child Protection Statement and Risk Assessment have been published on the school website and I would like to remind you that the Relationships and Sexuality Education Programme is taught in the school. The lesson plans in the RSE manuals are available at <http://www.pdst.ie/primary/RSE> if you would like to take a look at them.

Following the recent development of a new Junior Cycle framework, discussions are starting to take place about revising the **Senior Cycle** framework. As with the Junior Cycle these revisions will only take place after much consultation, research and development. With this in mind the National Parents Council would like to ensure that parents of children in primary school have a chance to have their say as it is most likely that current primary school children that will feel the first effects of any changes. They have developed a brief survey which you might like to take a few moments to complete. To take this survey please click this link

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/What do you want your well educated child to look like at 18](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/What%20do%20you%20want%20your%20well%20educated%20child%20to%20look%20like%20at%2018)

Míle buíochas , Ms McCullen

### Agreed Statement from the Board of Management 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2018

The Board of Management

Have appointed Ms Williams as an Assistant Principal 2

Are pleased that the school trip to W5 was a great success

Note the school closures to facilitate Child Protection Training ( only 13<sup>th</sup> Feb went ahead)

Have completed the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

Will follow the FSSU guidelines and in order to prepare for the new finance model for schools will need to modify the timeframes for presentation of accounts. Therefore the Board of Management AGM's will now take place in November.

Updated the RSE policy

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY TERM 2 AND 3**

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> March** School closed for St. Patrick' Day

#### **Easter Holidays**

School closes on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March at 3pm and re-opens on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April** for Teacher In-service Training on the New Language Curriculum SCHOOL CLOSED

#### **May Break**

School closes on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm and 3pm and re-opens on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May

**Sports Day** Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June

**June Bank holiday** Mon 4<sup>th</sup> June

**End of Year Service** Wed 27<sup>th</sup> of June at 11am

**End of School Year** Fri 29<sup>th</sup> June, school closes at 12.30



*All Welcome to monthly  
Family Service in St. Peter's  
Church at 11.30a, this  
Mothering Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March*



### **PTA Raffle Winner**

**Congrats to Jessica Magee, 6<sup>th</sup> class and huge rugby fan on winning the PTA Raffle which raised an amazing €1240. Thanks to all who supported.**