



Howth Road Mixed N.S.

# September 2016 Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another year at Howth Road Mixed N.S. Allow me to take this opportunity to draw the following to your attention for the coming term.

## **After Schools**

Due to the imminent start date for the Building Project we are suspending After School Clubs for this year.

## **Book Rental Scheme**

Families who have not yet paid for the book rental scheme for this year are asked to do so as soon as is possible. This scheme enables the school to purchase the main texts needed in each classroom, significantly reducing the price of book bills annually to parents. Many thanks.

Infants - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class €15	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Class €20
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## **Punctuality**

**School starts at 8:20 am.** All pupils must be seated for formal teaching time at 8:40am. Being punctual for school helps your child to organise themselves for their day.

**Reminder: In compliance with insurance regulations and best practice a "SIGN IN/SIGN OUT" book will now be in operation at the office for pupils who arrive late to school or who are collected early during the school day. This record is used in the event of emergencies/ in fire drills etc.**

## **Curriculum Corner**

We are likely to have an in service training day sometime during the year in respect of the new curriculum. We will give you notice of the date as soon as it becomes available to us.

## **Traffic Warden**

Rita Harford, our traffic warden, operates on the Howth Road – up from the corner - mornings and at 2pm home time, is appointed by Dublin city council.

## **Building Update**

As advised we are about to commence with the Building Project – Here are some details!



**The contracts have been signed and work will commence on the Week of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

**In advance the contractor will be putting Porta cabins on site and putting up hoarding round the school area**

**The first thing happening will be to move the Pre-fab classroom from one end of the site to the other end**

**As a result we will be asking**

- **ALL school users (Staff / Pupils / Parents / Visitors) not to park near our main gate and**
- **we will be re-opening the Pedestrian Gate (under the Cherry Trees further on) for ALL access to the school building. Be patient when going in and out of the yard area.**
- **We would encourage everyone (as much as possible) to PARK ELSEWHERE and stride or walk / bike / scoot / bus / rail to school for the coming year. (REMEMBER for pick**
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**We will send out the leaflet to all parents to remind you of what needs to happen in preparation of the works happening shortly.**

### Green Schools

Our school has completed and obtained our 4<sup>th</sup> Green Flag. The 4<sup>th</sup> flag is awarded for environmentally awareness in the use of transport. **We will be encouraging as much walking and cycling to school as possible.**



### Active Schools

We were awarded our blue "Active School" flag in late June. Teachers will maintain the high level of active lessons.



### Parents' Association

The Parents' Association are looking for new members to get involved at committee level and to assist with events.

We would encourage you to attend events throughout the year and AGM (held September / October each year – this date to follow shortly), if at all possible.

This will keep you in touch with issues (relevant talks) and help with fund raising, which will benefit your child / children and the school.



Please contact

Joy Dolan	- Chair	(1 <sup>st</sup> Class pupil),
Carmel Donohoe	- Secretary	(Senior Infants pupil)
Jenny Foley	- Treasurer	(3 <sup>rd</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Class pupils)
Janice Brown	- National Parents Council Rep	(4 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> year pupils)

for further details if you are not already involved. There are others on the committee who help to arrange and run some events. The more the merrier.

Staff can direct you if you have not yet been introduced.

### Staff complement 2016-17

Just to confirm staffing arrangements for this year.

#### **Junior/Senior Infants teacher**

Mrs A Linehan

#### **Learning Support teacher & Deputy Principal**

Ms E Jackson

#### **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Class teacher & Principal**

Ms M Woolmington

#### **Resource teacher**

Ms B Spellman

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class teacher**

Mrs H Shipman

#### **Special Needs Assistants**

Mrs A Pierse, Ms P McKayed,  
Ms K Caulfield & Ms S Doherty

#### **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class teacher**

Ms D McIlhagga

#### **Administrator**

Mrs Jean Acheson (Part-time)



### **Weekly regular schedule** (Remember Sportswear / musical instruments etc. on these days)

Mondays:

Tuesdays:

Wednesdays:

Thursdays:

Fridays:

**Music**

**P.E.**

**Assembly**

Regards,

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(Principal)

## **Upcoming Events**

The calendar of upcoming events is below.

Please retain this list in a prominent place to avoid missing out on any school occasions.

### **September 2016**

12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm **Parents Association Talk for Parents** to be held in the school next MONDAY at 7:30pm.  
This talk will be given by Bonita Dennison of the National Parents Council.  
*'Supporting Parents to support their Children's mental health & wellbeing'.*

26<sup>th</sup> **Building Project commences**  
**New layout of school yard and BIG restrictions on Parking / Drop off/Pick up**

**Sept /Oct** Howth Road N S Parents Association – AGM – exact date to follow.....

### **October 2016**

4<sup>th</sup> **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> classes only** – SWIMMING (Tuesdays) – full details to follow....  
10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Anti – Bullying Week  
18<sup>th</sup> Outing to the National Concert Hall (Full school) – more details nearer the time...  
31<sup>st</sup> Half Term

### **November 2016**

4<sup>th</sup> Half term ends  
7<sup>th</sup> School re-opens 8:20am after Half term.  
**????** **Parent** Teacher meetings from 2pm – 6:50pm Approx. **Please keep free!**

### **December 2016**

6<sup>th</sup> LAST SWIM **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Class only**  
15<sup>th</sup> School Christmas plays - during school time  
20<sup>th</sup> School Carol Service - evening  
22<sup>nd</sup> Finish at 12 NOON - Christmas Holidays

Remember

**Tuesday's** – **Music (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class need recorders and Red Hot Recorder Book)**  
**Thursday's** – **P.E. must have correct footwear and clothes**

Note: We may have GAA or Rugby etc. from time to time – we will advise you when known.