



SCOIL PHÁDRAIG, CLAONADH, CO. CHILL DARA

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November Newsletter

1: First Communion

(a) **Classroom visits**

Fr. Paul, our Parish Priest, will visit our three First Communion classes this week. He will chat to the boys about The Mass, the Vestments the Priest wears and our preparation for First Communion.

(b) **Enrolment Ceremonies**

Our First Communion candidates are invited to their Enrolment Ceremonies this coming weekend. All the Masses will be in the Parish Church, on the Main Street. The schedule is as follows,

Saturday 6.30p.m.	-	Mr. Eyres' class
Sunday 9.30a.m.	-	Miss Faughnan's class
Sunday 11.30a.m.	-	Ms. Meagher's class

2: Parent/Teacher Meetings

All official Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held at the end of January and the beginning of February, as the teachers and boys are now preparing for our Christmas Concerts.

N.B.: However, if you are anxious to meet your son's/sons' teacher(s) before then, please ring to make an appointment.

3: Christmas Concerts

We will be holding our bi-annual "anything-goes" Christmas Concerts on December 15th, 16th and 17th.

Shows start each night at 7.30p.m. **sharp**. Please see overleaf for running-order each night.

4: Gate Opening Time – A Reminder!

Supervision begins each morning when the gates are opened at 8.45a.m.

Please remember

- Supervision is **NOT** provided before this time outside the school gates.
- As winter fast approaches, access to shelter is not available to our pupils before 8.45a.m.
- Please do not drop off children outside the school grounds earlier than 8.45a.m., if possible.

5: Parking

Again just to remind everyone of the following,

- The G.A.A. car-parking facilities are available to **all** parents.
- Please follow the lane-markings outside of Scoil Phádraig i.e. the Centre Lane must be kept clear.
- Do **NOT** park in the Bus areas. Do **NOT** park in the Yellow Box outside the Main Entrance to the school, as this **must** be kept clear in case of an Emergency.
- Do **NOT** cause obstruction to the residents of Butterstream Estate or to the houses down the laneway across the road, at the end of the G.A.A. pitch.

6: Lost Property

We have a large collection of jumpers, coats, tracksuit tops etc. Please check for missing items. Again, we ask you to write the name of your child clearly on all labels!

7: Violin and Irish Dancing classes, Swimming Sessions

These have resumed again after our Hallowe'en Break. Please forward any monies due to the relevant class teacher or to Sheila and Brig in the Office.

- We especially ask people to forward the next moiety of the Violin fees of €10, which is due by the Christmas Holidays. Many thanks.

8: Football League – 5th & 6th classes

Our annual 5th & 6th class league will take place between now and the Christmas Holidays on each day that the weather allows! Please have boots, socks, track-suit bottoms/shorts and jersey organised as the boys can't play in their uniforms. Each year this is a very enjoyable league and fellows put themselves "in the frame" for our Senior teams!

9: Science Projects and Exhibition – Intel Mini-Scientist

Our 5th classes held a hugely impressive exhibition of their various Science Projects in the Large G.P. on Thursday night, November 5th. The boys were very enthusiastic and excited about their experiments, discoveries, theories etc. Many thanks to Colin O'Brien from Intel who was such a great help in organising the event and liaising with our teachers and Intel. All the boys received a "goody bag" from Intel and the members of the first three groups also received extra prizes. Colin and Michael, our Intel Judges picked the Project featuring a Carbon Dioxide Alarm System as the winner so Conal Bennett, Colin Adeyinka-Macauley and Victor Adeniran will represent Scoil Phádraig at the regional competition, in Intel, Leixlip. Well done to all the boys and to Mrs. Eyres, Mr. Hobbins and Mr. Carr.

10: Debating Team

For the second time, Scoil Phádraig has entered a 6th class Debating Team into the Kildare Education Centre Regional Primary Debating Competition. We all wish Ms. Dunlea, their Coach and Fionn Tully, Óisín Tighe, Rory Kavanagh, Dáire O'Doherty, James Lukumu and James Ball the very best of luck. Their 1st debate will be against Scoil Mochua, Celbridge on the 19th.

11: Swimming – for 4th classes

Our 4th classes will begin their swimming sessions on Wednesday, December 9th, in the Naas Pool. More details later.

12: Primary on Line Database Forms – POD

Some pupils were given the above form last Friday. Please return same to the office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Concert Running Order

Tuesday, December 15th, 2015

Room 3	Junior Infants	Mrs. Fennessy
Room 1	Senior Infants	Miss Canavan
Room 6	First Class	Ms. O'Reilly
Room 21	Second Class	Miss Faughnan
Prefab 2	Fourth Class	Mrs. White
Room 15	Fifth Class	Mr. Hobbins

Wednesday, December 16th, 2015

Room 5	Junior Infants	Ms. McCabe
Room 2	Senior Infants	Mrs. Tully
Prefab 3	First Class	Ms. Deeney
Room 9	Third Class	Ms. Macken
Room 16	Fifth Class	Mrs. Eyres
Room 12	Sixth Class	Ms. Dunlea

Thursday, December 17th, 2015

Room 4	Junior Infants	Miss Egan
Room 7	Second Class	Ms. Meagher
Room 22	Second Class	Mr. Eyres
Room 8	Third Class	Ms. McLoughlin
Room 10	Fourth Class	Miss Duane
Room 11	Sixth Class	Mr. Carr

Yours sincerely,

**Pat Costello
(Principal)**