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## **November Newsletter**

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Please read the following newsletter on upcoming events and news in the school. ***Please check out our school blog on [Facebook/Instagram](#) @stpatrickboysns for more information and photographs of school activities.***

**Messaging on Aladdin:** The Aladdin Messaging service has been a very useful communication tool since introduced a number of years ago. It facilitates parents and teachers passing on messages around attendance, sick notes, permissions and allows for the easy payment of school fees.

Please note that when a concern or a problem arises relating to school, the first step of our procedure is to make an appointment to meet the teacher to seek to resolve the issues in person. **It is not appropriate in any circumstance to use Aladdin or any other messaging service to air grievances.** Furthermore, we would appreciate it if messages are sent during reasonable working hours. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings:** Please ensure that you sign up to your child's parent teacher meeting via the Aladdin app. Meetings will take place across a number evening next week. If you are unable to attend your appointment, please ensure that you notify the teacher in advance and they will provide you with an alternative slot. The option of a phone call is also available, should you be unable to attend in person.

**Admissions for next year:** Admission forms for next year are available from the school office or on our website. Closing date receipt is the 14<sup>th</sup> of January.

**Attendance Heroes:** For the past week we have been running an attendance campaign encouraging children to be **Here, Everyday, Ready, On-time**. A raffle will take place at the end of the week where we seek to reward full or improved attendance. Many thanks to Antoinette McNamara, our Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) for organising. Aside from unavoidable absences such as being unwell, it is vital that your child is in school everyday. This will not alone improve educational outcomes but will also instil values such as dedication and commitment that will stand to him in secondary school and the workplace in later life.

Please ensure that you use the Attendance tab in the Aladdin app to inform your son's teacher of any absence. As always, we are obliged to inform the Educational Welfare board of any absences over 20 days.

**Anti-bullying week:** Children will be participating in a series of lessons and activities this week on the topic of bullying. We will be speaking about values that are important to have to prevent bullying from taking place and how important it is to show kindness. Talking about bullying can be sensitive so you should remind your children who they can tell if they are affected by bullying.

**Parents Association:** The Parents Association have been hard at work over the past few weeks since our new committee was elected in September. Thanks for your support of the Toy Show goody bag. Please note that the final day for orders is this Wednesday. There will be a [Christmas Movie evening in the school Hall](#) on Sunday December 4th at 3pm. Tickets will be on sale in the school on Thursday and Friday, December 1st and 2nd. Please wear your Christmas jumper! Proceeds will go towards purchasing additional school resources. Ticket pricing is as follows; 1 adult plus 1 child €5 2 adults plus 2 children or 1 adult plus 3 children €10.

**Christmas Concert:** We have decided to run a Christmas show on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, December 19th & 20th at 7pm. We will be performing the Christmas show, "The Stars Come out for Christmas." We really hope your child enjoys the experience of preparing for this over the coming weeks. More information around tickets etc. will be announced closer to the time. We will also be putting out a call for raffle prizes in due course.

**Board of Management Meeting Report:** The Board of management met on the 6<sup>th</sup> October. The principal reported to the Board on on-going school activities. He welcomed Michelle Cantillon (teacher), Jennifer Noonan (SNA) and Linda Murphy (SNA) to the school staff. It was reported that the ASD special class was temporarily located in the school staffroom with works hoping to be completed by the beginning of December. The Board wished to thank all involved for their cooperation in ensuring all children were received in September as planned. The school's anti-bullying policy was ratified and all stakeholders were thanked for their contribution to the review. [The review notification is available to view here.](#) The new members of the Parents Association were wised well in their work in supporting the school. The following is the makeup of executive and committee:

Chairperson: Jennifer Chambers, Assistant Chairperson John Nugent, Secretary: Antoinette Blake, Treasurer: Maire Sheehan, Assistant Treasurer: Martina Crkonova. Committee; Natalie Sheehan, Karen Egan, Joanne O'Driscoll, Karen Ryan McNamara, Ruslans Titovi, Ciara Stewart, Elaine Lee, Aileen Hanrahan, Aileen Luong.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Anthony Liddane

Principal