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Hallowe'en 2021 Newsletter

Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children in 3rd class who received their Holy Communion on Saturday, 16th October. Thank you to the Parents' Association for the beautiful gifts for each child and for organising treats for a class party. Thank you to Ms. Harrington and Toni for preparing the children for the day.

Confirmation

Well done to last year's 6th class on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 2nd October. Thank you to Ms. O'Flynn, Mr. Lucey and Toni for their support in getting the children ready for the day. Thank you to the Parents' Association for providing each child with a beautiful gift on the day.

Parent/ Teacher Meetings

Following consultation between the staff and the Parents' Association, we have decided to hold our Parent/ Teacher meetings in February. This is with a view of having them face to face when the numbers of Covid-19 will hopefully have reduced.

Admissions 2022/2023

The first-round offers have been sent to parents for the 2022/2023 junior infant class. There will be one class of 30 junior infants for the 2022/2023 school year.

Important Dates for Your Diary

Parents' Association AGM- Tuesday, 23rd November at 8 p.m. via Zoom

Friday, 3rd December- Children finish at 12 noon for whole school curriculum training.

Wednesday, 22nd December- Children finish at 12 noon for Christmas holidays.

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Covid-19 Reminders

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- Wear a face covering at drop-off and collection times or when collecting your child from school.
 - Do not to congregate at drop-off or collection times.
 - Maintain 2 metres social distance.
 - Observe hand washing and coughing etiquette.
 - **If your child is absent, please complete the Return to School Declaration on the Aladdin Connect App.**
 - **By completing this declaration, you are confirming that your child does not have Covid-19 and is well enough to attend school.**
 - **Antigen tests results, cannot be accepted by schools at this time.**
- Keep your child at home if they have any Covid-19 symptoms. These include:

- A temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more.
- A new cough.
- Runny nose or stuffy nose.
- Loss or changed sense of taste or smell.
- An existing breathing condition that has recently got worse.
- Fatigue.
- Aches and pains.
- Sore throat.
- Headache.
- Feeling sick or vomiting.
- Diarrhoea.
- If your child has any of these symptoms, it is advised to ring your G.P.

Homework Club

Homework club is in full swing with children attending from Monday to Thursday. Thank you to all of the teachers involved in supporting the children.

Arts and Crafts

Mrs. Jane Lewis is starting art and craft classes every Tuesday after school for junior and senior infants beginning on Tuesday, 9th November. She is also continuing classes for those children in the older classes who would have missed them due to Covid-19.

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Thank you to Mr. Lucey, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Cashman and Ms. Johnson for training the boys and girls in 4th, 5th and 6th class every Wednesday. There have been fantastic numbers each week with over 50 children training each week. We are waiting on guidance from Sciath na Scoil, Cork Schools GAA, on the playing of games against other schools.

School Website and Twitter

Keep up-to-date with more regular news on our website at www.ballintemplens.com and our Twitter page @BallintempleS.

Message from Parent's Association

We hope you all enjoyed mid-term and it won't be long until Christmas is upon us!

Whilst it is disappointing that the PA are unlikely to be in a position to organise any fun events for the children and their families for the foreseeable due to covid, we are continuing to support our children in their school environment and whatever other ways that are possible.

As most of you are already aware, in September we completed the funding of a new STEM and Maths resource kit for every class in the school, which provides new & age-appropriate learning material for the children. The total cost was €10,000. The PA also funded keepsakes (personalised keyrings & a hot chocolate stick) for the children who made their Holy Communion & Confirmation (postponed from last year) in lieu of hosting a reception in school. We will arrange a Santa visit again this year before Christmas holidays (hopefully in person if permitted) and some treats for the Children to kick off the Christmas holidays!

We remain cautiously optimistic that before end of term next year, we may be in a position to organise some family fun events, as well as a family-based activity /sporting challenge - along the lines of our walking challenge last year.

PA Fund: As always, a sincere thank you to those families who are contributing to our PA fund, which enables us to provide additional learning, recreational & sporting support for our children. For families who would like to start supporting the PA,
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standing orders can be set up (€10 per month per family) or a one-off annual payment (€120), which can be transferred to the PA bank account online.

PA Fund Bank Account:

Account Name: Ballintemple National School PA

BIC: AIBKIE2D

IBAN: IE77AIBK93417893373195

Please reference all standing orders and bank transfers with your family/ child's name

Annual General Meeting - Our AGM will be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday November 23rd via zoom. A link will be circulated in advance who anybody who would like to partake.

Should any parent have queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

Erica Mahony & Leigh McCarthy

PA Co-Chairpersons, Ballintemple National School.

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