



**St. Brigid's B.N.S.**  
*Howth Road, Killester, Dublin 5 Phone 01 8336149*



# Newsletter

# 20th September 2022

Back to SCHOOL



**Welcome Back to school to all our pupils, parents and school staff. As we look forward to a great year in school, we extend a special welcome to our new Junior Infants and all our new pupils as they settle in to life in St. Brigid's B.N.S.**

### Reminder to Parents

Please put your son's name on all his belongings, in particular jumpers and coats so that they can be returned if lost.

Thank you to all parents who have paid the school yearly fee. There are still some parents with outstanding payments due. This money is used to provide art materials, photocopied materials etc. for pupils in all classes. Parents who have a concern about school book bills etc. are invited to speak with Ms. Cullen in confidence and arrangements can be agreed.

Any bicycles/scooters left in the school grounds should be locked and helmets should be worn.

**Each child needs a flannel /facecloth stored in a ziplock bag to dry their hands.** Please ensure this flannel is changed regularly.



### Healthy Eating Policy

We operate a healthy lunch policy in St. Brigid's B.N.S. All boys should come to school with a nutritious lunch i.e. a sandwich, a piece of fruit etc. Fizzy drinks, crisps, chocolate or sweets are not allowed. Yoghurt, yoghurt drinks and Frubes are not permitted as they can cause quite a mess. Please provide your son with a small portion of fruit/veg for fruit break.

**Lunches:** For safety reasons we do not allow children to share food with other pupils in school. Some of our pupils suffer extreme reactions to specific foods including **NUTS** so we request that parents **do not give nuts or food containing nuts** for lunch. We would ask parents to emphasise this rule and the reason for it when talking to your child.



### Contact Details

It is essential that we have the correct address and contact details (e.g. parents' mobile numbers & email) for your son on our database in case of emergency. *If your details have changed, please update on Aladdin and ensure there is an emergency contact listed.*

As the office/reception area is extremely busy in the morning, it would be appreciated if telephone calls were made only in emergency situations. There is no need to telephone the school if your son is sick, unless the illness is contagious. Parents should acknowledge their child's absence from school on their return by either directly inputting reasons for absences into Aladdin, or by sending in a note for the attention of the class teacher.



Well done everyone for your co-operation following the success of our daily arrangements for school entry and dismissal.



A reminder that school opens at **8.50am** each morning. It is important that all pupils are in school on time each day.

**Small Break: 10.45 – 11.00am      Lunch Break: 12.20 – 12.45pm**

We would ask that parents refrain from collecting pupils during break times.

## School Uniform

All boys from Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class are required to wear full school uniform. This consists of grey sweatshirt and red polo shirt both with school crest to be worn with grey trousers and black shoes. Full tracksuit and runners should be worn on P.E. days. School shorts may be worn for the month of September only (School shorts may be worn again in May & June). Please ensure that name tags are in place on all items.

## Code of Behaviour

In the interest of safety, the Board of Management prohibits the wearing of jewellery. Mobile phones and personal internet-enabled devices are not permitted in school. Hair dye is also not allowed.

## Sponsored Walk

Our school's annual Sponsored Walk will take place during the week commencing **3<sup>rd</sup> October**.



## Parental Participation

We are delighted to be able to welcome parents back in to our school. We often seek volunteers in the school for various reasons – e.g. helping out with the library, credit union and accompanying school tours. It is a legal requirement that all volunteers are Garda vetted. If you think you would be interested in volunteering in the school at some point, please contact Maeve in the secretary's office to begin the vetting process. You need to fill out a vetting invitation form to begin the process. This form is available from Maeve. You will need to bring two pieces of ID (one must be photographic) into the school to be validated and copied.

## St. Brigid's Boys Parents' Association

The Parents' Association would like to extend a warm welcome back to school to all and especially to new parents in the school. We will be sending out notification of upcoming events in the next few weeks.

### Notice of AGM

The Parents' Association AGM will be held **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**. We encourage as many parents as possible to attend. We will be reviewing the work of the Parents' Association over the last year. We will have an address from our Principal Ms. Cullen and elections will be held for the PA Committee for 2022/2023. A number of the present committee are either not eligible or available to be on the next committee, therefore, we are looking for new parents to get involved and continue the good work of the Parents' Association. If you are not available to attend but would like to be considered for the committee please contact us on email [stbrigidsbnsps@gmail.com](mailto:stbrigidsbnsps@gmail.com) or Text: **086 8916486**.

## STUDENT'S COUNCIL

Student Council elections take place this week. All classes from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class can nominate a representative. Each candidate will be offered the opportunity to outline their ideas and commitment to the role in a presentation prior to class elections.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022 - 2023

School Re-opening	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
Midterm	31 <sup>st</sup> October - 4 <sup>th</sup> November (inclusive)
Christmas	22 <sup>nd</sup> December - 4 <sup>th</sup> January (inclusive)
February Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
February Midterm	13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> February (inclusive)
St. Patrick's Day	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Holidays	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> April (inclusive)
May Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
June Bank Holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer Holidays	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** In the event of adverse weather or other unforeseen circumstance that may necessitate the closure of the school for an extended period during the course of the school year, the Board of Management may authorise the school to open for classes at the beginning of the planned 2023 February Mid-Term and/or Easter Break.

Please Note:

First Holy Communion:

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 @ 11am

Confirmation:

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 @ 11am

Service of Light:

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 @ 7.30pm

First Penance:

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 @ 7.30pm