



Tralee Educate Together National School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

School Closures

Please take note of the following school closures

Mid-term break 1:	October 31 st – November 4 th inclusive
End of Term 1:	School closes at 12:00 December 23 rd
Start of Term 2:	School re-opens January 9 th at 08:45
Mid-term Break 2:	15 th , 16 th and 17 th February
Public Holiday:	March 19 th
End of Term 2:	School closes at 12:00 March 30 th
Start of Term 3:	School re-opens April 16 th at 08:45
Public Holiday:	Friday May 4 th & Monday May 7 th
Public Holiday:	Friday June 1 st & Monday June 4 th
End of Term 3:	School closes at 12:00 June 29 th

Please note that there will only be early school closing at the end of term. Staff meetings will now take place outside of school hours as per Croke Park Agreement.

Ethos Week

Next week is Ethos Week. Workshops are planned for the staff and the parent body around the Code of Behaviour.

Denis will facilitate a workshop for parents looking at our Code of Behaviour on Wednesday 26th October at 7pm.

Student Council Elections will take place on Thursday to coincide with Presidential election with the count taking place on Friday, presided over by Mayor of Tralee, Grace O'Donnell.

Cake Sale:

As part of Ethos week we will be having a cake sale to raise funds for Educate Together, our patron body. -Please see separate heading below.

Educate Together National Fundraising Day

Educate Together' s National Fundraising Day will take place on **Friday 28th October**. Parents are asked to bring in cakes, buns, biscuits etc. for a cake sale.

We will also have a fancy dress competition. All are welcome.

Game Playing Day will also be part of our fundraiser. We are asking each child to bring in a board game and €1 to raise funds for Educate Together. Game playing will take place in the classrooms at 9:30am. Please come along to play.

Cake sale will take place after small break (10:40am).

Dyslexia and Dyspraxia Talk

Tralee Rotary Club are organising a talk on dyslexia and dyspraxia in the Carlton Hotel at 8pm, Thursday 20th October.

School Garden

We are looking for donations of bulbs for the children to plant in the school garden. If you have any bulbs you can donate please speak to Gail.

Healthy Eating Policy

Healthy eating week was held recently in the school. All classes have done lots of work on how to eat healthy. Many thanks to everyone who brought food for our Healthy Eating Party. It was a great success. Many thanks to the PA also. Please ensure your child has a healthy lunch everyday. Please see attached Healthy Eating Policy.

Maths Week

This week is officially maths week. Jean and Denis will give a workshop for parents on subtraction using the regrouping method. This was of great benefit to some parents last year who are also more than welcome to attend for a refresher course. Very helpful if you don't want to be told "you're doing them wrong!" This workshop will take place on Wednesday 16th November. (Technically not Maths Week!)

Ethical Education Plan

The schools new Ethical Education Plan is available from the office if anyone wishes to view it. Please email the office or contact Brenda in advance to request a copy if you want one.

Croke Park Agreement

As per the Croke Park Agreement, the school is obliged to inform the parent body of how the school is fulfilling the extra hour per week. This hour is being utilised in two ways:

- 1) A morning supervision rota which fulfils 6 of these hours
- 2) Staff meetings every Tuesday

Mise le meas,

Denis Reidy
Principal