



Our Lady's Girls' National School Ballinteer

Newsletter – 5th October 2020

Masks

As levels of Covid 19 Infections rise, we would appeal to all parents/guardians to please **wear masks at all times**, including outside the school premises, and to **maintain 2 metres social distance**.

Mobile Phones

Pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school. Any phone calls should be made through the school office. If a pupil is found to have a mobile phone in school, it will be confiscated and an appointment will have to be made by a parent/guardian to retrieve it.

School Mass

We cannot attend our usual Opening of the School Year Mass in the church this year. Instead, Fr. Liam will celebrate a special mass for us tomorrow morning at 9.30 am., and classes will watch it on the webcam in their classrooms. If you would like to watch the mass, please go to the parish website at

<https://www..tv/camera/st-john-the-evangelist-church-ballinteer>

or login to the parish website at www.ballinteerparish.ie and go to live webcam.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Our parent /teacher meetings will take place in November from Monday 9th to Thursday 12th after school hours. As it will not be possible to hold meetings onsite, we will instead be arranging scheduled phone calls to parents. These calls will be a short check-in only. Teachers will be in touch with you after Halloween to confirm your scheduled time and the phone number you wish to be used.

Halloween Dress Up

Pupils are invited to dress up for Halloween on Friday 23rd October. Please ensure that they have a warm coat and appropriate footwear for going out to the yard at break times. While it will not be possible to have a Halloween Parade in the Hall, we will instead hold a virtual

parade in each classroom which can be viewed by the other classes on their Interactive Whiteboard. Hopefully it will be a fun event for all!

Absence from School

Pupils absent from school for any reason must bring in a completed Return to School Declaration Form when returning to school. Please note that any absences over a cumulative 20 days must be reported to TUSLA.

Child Safeguarding

Please note that if we become aware of any child safeguarding issues, or have any concerns in this regard, we are required to notify TUSLA.

Healthy Lunches

A reminder of our Healthy Lunches Policy, and particularly our NO NUTS Policy, as we have a number of pupils with a severe nut allergy. This includes all nuts and nut products including chocolate, chocolate spread, any bars containing nuts/ nut traces.

Active School

A reminder that we are still very much an Active School. We hope to be awarded our school's very first Active School Flag this year. Remember that if pupils are active outside school in the evenings or at the weekend, we would be delighted if you would send a photo in for our Active Stars Noticeboard. Just drop the photo in to Linda's post box at the main gate. Alternatively, your daughter's teacher can take her photo in school with any award/medal she has won or in her active wear.

Green Schools Update

_We are delighted to be back at school. We are proud to be a Green school with six green flags!!

Our most recent awarded flag was for Global Citizenship Litter and Waste.

Let's keep up the good work and work together as one big Green Team this year!

Remember to 'Reduce. Reuse. Recycle' and walk to school on Wednesdays!!!

Our Green School committee will be updating everyone on many exciting activities.

Car Park

Please remember to take special care in the car park when dropping and collecting pupils, particularly on dark mornings and wet days!