

## FRENCH CLASSES

Ms. Gavin & Ms. Mc.Donnell will begin French Classes for Senior Infants who wish to learn French in October. The lessons will take place from 1.30pm —2.00 pm and will continue for four weeks.

## CREDIT UNION VOUCHERS

Please send in any Credit Union Vouchers to the school office on or before Friday 21st of October.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be arriving in the school on Monday 26th of September .

## ATTENDANCE

School begins for all pupils at 8.50am. Pupils are expected to be punctual and on time. If circumstances arise where your child is late for school and arrives after 9.15am you must accompany your child and sign him/her into school and record an explanation for lateness in the 'Late Attendance Register' at Reception.

Should you need to withdraw your child before school finishes you may do so by calling to Reception and signing the 'Early Withdrawal Register'. All absences from school should be explained to the class teacher in writing by a parent/guardian. A record of all absences is maintained by the school. The effect of absences on a child's progress and behaviour will be documented. Under the Education Welfare Act (2000), the school is legally bound to report to the Welfare Board any child who is absent from school for 20 days or more. Where there is no justifiable reason parents are liable to prosecution by the Welfare Board.

## LIST OF SCHOOL CLOSURES & EVENTS

<b>AUGUST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 29<sup>th</sup> – Re-opening of School</li></ul>	<b>SEPTEMBER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 26<sup>th</sup> – School Photographs</li></ul>
<b>OCTOBER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 28<sup>th</sup>- Halloween Fancy Dress</li><li>• 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. Inclusive – Halloween Mid-Term Break</li></ul>	<b>NOVEMBER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> – Parent / Teacher Meetings</li></ul>
<b>DECEMBER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Concert</li><li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Holidays (school closing at 11.30 am)</li></ul>	<b>JANUARY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9<sup>th</sup> – Re-opening of school</li></ul>
<b>FEBRUARY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> - Spring Mid-Term Break</li></ul>	<b>MARCH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 19<sup>th</sup> – Public Holiday (School Closure)</li><li>• 30<sup>th</sup> – Easter Holidays (school closing at 11.30 am)</li></ul>
<b>APRIL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 16<sup>th</sup> – Re-opening of School</li></ul>	<b>MAY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4<sup>th</sup> – School Closure</li><li>• 7<sup>th</sup> – Public Holiday (School Closure)</li><li>• 19<sup>th</sup>- First Holy Communion</li></ul>
<b>JUNE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4<sup>th</sup>— Public Holiday (School Closure)</li><li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> – Summer Holidays (school closing at 11.30 am)</li></ul>	<b>JULY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• July Provision for pupils with ASDs - pending approval of Board of Management &amp; Department of Education &amp; Skills</li></ul>

- ◆ In the event that Scoil Bhríde PS has an unplanned closure(s) due to adverse weather conditions, the school may compensate for up to 3 days closure during the first three days of the Easter Holidays, i.e. the school will remain open on either or all of the 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2012.
- ◆ Please note that all Staff Meetings / Parent – Teacher Meetings / School Planning Development Days that were listed on previous School Calendars will now take place outside pupils' tuition time as per the 'Croke Park Agreement'.
- ◆ In consultation with the Chairperson of the Board of Management, the Principal reserves the right to make any future amendments to this list of closures and events.
- ◆ The school calendar is also available on our school website – [www.scoilbhrideps.com](http://www.scoilbhrideps.com)

## SCOIL BHRÍDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Carrick Road, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.



Newsletter Issue No. 2  
13th September 2011

*Dear Parents,*

*On behalf of the staff I would like to sincerely welcome you all back to another school year. I especially welcome the pupils and parents who have recently joined us this year. I also welcome new teachers who have joined Scoil Bhríde Primary School following their appointments during the summer. We sincerely thank you for your co-operation thus far and we look forward to a new and exciting school year 2011-2012.*

*Is mise le meas,*

*Caoimhín Ó Dúfaigh (Príomh Oide)*

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## **NOTES FOR PARENTS**

### **MEETING TEACHERS**

We would like to remind parents that they should feel free to talk to their child's teacher at any time during the school year. As is stated in our policy and in the interest of ensuring the safety of all pupils in the teacher's class, such meetings should be arranged **by appointment only**. In the event that a resolution is not reached, meetings can then be arranged with the school Principal, again, **by appointment only** (Parents are advised to contact the school at the phone number overleaf to arrange an appointment with the teacher/Principal).

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### **TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AND MANAGEMENT**

In accordance with the Terms and Conditions of our Planning Permission for the recent extension to our prefab building, parents/guardians are advised that there must be strict adherence to the entry and exit procedures when using the car park. All are advised to **enter only** by the **Entrance** gate i.e. the gate adjacent to the school building and to **exit only** by the **Exit** gate i.e. the gate furthest from the school building. Parents/Guardians are advised that parking on the main road outside of the school is not permitted by law as there are double yellow lines. Your co-operation with this matter is greatly appreciated in the interest of the safety of all children and public using the car park and in ensuring our compliance with our planning permission.

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### **NEW BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2011-2015**

The chairperson will be in touch in order to initiate the formation of the new Board of Management in due course.

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### **SUPERVISION**

The hours of supervision at Scoil Bhríde Primary School are from 8:50 am to 1:30 pm (Junior & Senior Infants) and from 8:50 am to 2:30 pm for all other classes. We ask parents to promptly collect their child at 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm respectively. The school cannot be responsible for children outside of these hours. Therefore we remind parents that children should not be brought to school prior to 8.50 am on wet mornings.

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### **MORNING LINES**

We thank all parents for their co-operation with our new approach to the lines in the morning time. We would like to remind parents to move to the side near the exit when the first bell rings at 8:50 am. Teachers walk with their pupils in an orderly line into the appropriate building following the second bell.

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### **INSURANCE SCHEME**

Parents who wish to avail of the Pupils' Insurance Scheme should return their details and the appropriate amount of money to their child's class teacher on or before Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of September.

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### **JUNIOR INFANT TEACHERS TO MEET PARENTS**

Junior Infants Class teachers will hold brief meetings with parents in their classrooms on Thursday 15th of September. The purpose of these meetings is to inform parents of our approach to the Junior Infant Curriculum. Junior Infant pupils will finish class at 1.15 pm and will be supervised in the yard for the duration of the meeting (10-15 mins.).

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### **OUTSTANDING FEES**

Parents are reminded to send in all outstanding fees for their child's *Book Rental/Art and Photocopying/Testing* on or before Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of September.

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### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Class teachers will inform parents of the days on which pupils will have Physical Education (P.E.). The proper school P.E. uniform and runners must be worn on these days.

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### **PRIMARY CURRICULAR AQUATICS**

Ms. Kearney wishes to remind parents that swimming lessons for First, Second and Third Classes will commence on Wednesday the 14th of September. The lessons continue each Wednesday for six weeks. Lessons cost €21. This can be paid in full to the class teacher (or €3:50 can be paid each week). Pupils can wear their school P.E. uniform on these days.

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### **FOOTBALL**

Mr. O' Regan organised a football timetable with GAA Coach Brian Darby for all class levels which is due to commence on Wednesday 14th of September. These sessions will take place every Wednesday for approx. ten weeks. Pupils are reminded to wear their school P.E. uniform.

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### **BASKETBALL**

Try-outs for a Scoil Bhríde Basketball Team will soon take place. Basketball training for the school team will occur outside of school hours.

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### **SCHOOL CHOIR**

A Scoil Bhríde Primary School Choir will soon be established. The choir will sing at different events throughout the school year.

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