

Parents Council November Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have been so busy that we felt it important to update you on some initiatives in the school.

Hallowe'en Walk

The total amount collected for the recent Halloween Walk was €9,412.68. As previously mentioned new weatherproof chalkboards, lego and equipment for the sensory room will be purchased from this. As always, thank you for your support.

Clothing Collection

Our annual clothing collection took place on Tuesday and Wednesday (21st & 22nd November). Donations were dropped to the community centre. A total of €142.80 was raised with the donated clothes. Many thanks to those who donated their clothes.

'Walking Bus'

Some parents have recently enquired as to the possibility of a school walk way through the playground with access around the school's all-weather pitch. We have had discussions with Ms. Kelly who in turn has discussed the same with the Board of Management. The result of these discussions is that a 'walking bus' can be run in the morning time only on a **trial basis** for two months.

In order to facilitate this we would need at least 20 parent/guardian **volunteers** to guide and direct the children safely around the all-weather pitch and across the school carpark. This will work on a rotation basis. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact the Parents Council via email on parents.council@sallinsns.ie Please note should we not get the amount of volunteers required for this to work safely it will be unable to go ahead.

Voluntary 'No Smart Device Code'

Due to the increased volume of young children having access to smart phones and devices together with unsupervised access to the internet and social media we alongside other parents have decided to offer a Voluntary NO smart device code. This option will be available to parents/guardians of all children up to and including 6th class. An online form was sent out via Aladdin and we would appreciate you taking the time to complete this and support us in our endeavour to delay the access of smart phones to our primary school children.

Communion Outfits

Recently a google form was sent to all parents to gauge their interest in a possible pop-up shop where you could donate any communion outfits and paraphernalia which you now no longer need. In turn the donations will then be available to buy for a capped price. We feel this is a great incentive in both saving costs and sustainability. The response to this was positive and therefore we have decided to start collecting any communion wear from the second week in January. Further details about a drop off point and dates in January will be confirmed before the Christmas break.

Kind regards

Sallins NS Parents Council