**Autumn Newsletter**

**School routines**

Everyone has settled into the school routine and we are on track for a great school year of learning and fun. We are already planning the usual fun events eg Halloween Dress-Up day. Pyjama Day, Santa’s visits, St Brigid’s Day, St Patrick’s Day Parade, Class Dance-Off, sports day, and school tours. We are hoping to brighten up our school garden, yard and building. Home School Liaison teacher Olwen will be looking for volunteers to fund-raise and/or help out. Watch this space.

We will be settling our bills with our suppliers of workbooks and educational materials at the end of the month. Could any family with unpaid school books please call to the office to arrange payment. Weekly payment options are available.

**Attendance**

We are expecting and rewarding excellent school attendance this year. The class teachers, support teachers and SNAs have learning plans in place for all children. Children need to be in school every day unless they are sick. All schools are obliged by law to record and track school attendance and seek support from the Education Welfare Service for children who are persistently absent.

If children are absent due to illness please ring the office at 8348770 or email info@stbrigidsinfantschool.ie . The teachers will be teaching during the day and will not see Dojo messages.

Children who have clinic appointments can be collected from and dropped back to school so that they don’t miss out on learning time.

At Assembly on Friday, children with perfect attendance for the month of September will be rewarded. See the parents’ noticeboard in the entrance alley on the last day of every month for the *Excellent Attendance* list.

**Board of Management** We are seeking nominations for a parent nominee (mother) on the Board of Management until November 2023. We will hold an election in the Parents Room on Fri 30 Sept at 9.10am. Any mother interested should call to the office during the week.

**Communication**

Class Dojo will keep you in touch with what’s happening every day in your child’s class and around the school. Please sign up. Olwen is available if help is needed to get set up.

School phone 8348770 or email info@stbrigidsinfantinfantschool.ie for absence calls. All absence calls must be made to the office to be marked correctly on school attendance record.

If you would like to talk to your child’s teacher, please ring to arrange a callback or a meeting in school. Our annual Parent-Teacher meetings will take place in late January.

**Local events**

Clubs and classesare running again. Lots of our children enjoy classes at Erins’s Isle GAA club, Finglas Celtic soccer club. Bennett School of Dance run classes here in our school hall.

Tusla is running an appeal for foster carers in the local area. It is a great way for one family to help out another family during a time of need. See posters in parents’ noticeboard.

**Parent Courses, classes, and activities**

**Mondays:** ARTS & CRAFTS. Starts this Monday 26th Sep

**Wednesdays:** Horticulture/Gardening 12.30 at the polytunnel.

Coming Soon: FEARLESS parenting course

Call or text Olwen on 086 3705773

**Safety at the school gate** Please help our lollipop lady Ellen to do her job by keeping the zig zag lines and double yellow lines clear.

**Healthy habits for the school year:**

Hair: Keep it short or tied up in plait or bun! Let’s keep the headlice away.

Respiratory etiquette: Catch that cough or sneeze into elbow

 Keep a tissue up sleeve.

Hand hygiene: Wash hands thoroughly.

 Sanitise when entering the school building

 Keep finger nails short.