



Scoil Bhríde, Loreto National School

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Family Note #2

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year, and we are delighted to see all our students settling in so well. It's hard to believe how quickly the weeks are passing. Our new special classroom is a huge success with more facility upgrades due to commence over the Mid-term break.

Parking and Road Safety

Drop-off and collection times are particularly busy at our school. We kindly ask that you park safely and respectfully, keeping our neighbours and local residents in mind.

Please continue to drive carefully in the area and remind your children not to leave the school grounds until they see you.

Your continued patience and cooperation during these times are greatly appreciated.

Teaching Practice Student Placement

We are delighted to welcome past pupil Sarah Reidy, who is completing her final-year placement in Mr. O'Sullivan's class, and will continue in Mrs. O'Meara's class after the Mid-Term break.

We wish her every success during her time here at Loreto National School.

First Holy Communion 2027

We look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion on:
Saturday, 22nd May 2027 at 10:30a.m in Muckross Church

Confirmation 2027

We also look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on:
Friday, 5th March 2027 at 11am in St. Mary's Cathedral

Enrolment 2027

Applications for our Junior Infant Class 2027 are now open.

Application forms are available from the school office or may be downloaded from our website.

Closing date: *Friday, 15th January 2027.*

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We are delighted to take part once again in this wonderful initiative. Shoeboxes will be collected from the school on Friday 6th November 2026

Leaflets will be distributed to all children shortly.

More information can be found at www.teamhope.ie.

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will take place from 19th November – 24th November.

Further details will be shared via Aladdin closer to the date.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher meetings will take place on the evenings of:

Tuesday, 10th November and Tuesday, 17th November.

Bookings will open on Aladdin after the Halloween break, and parents will be notified once the system is live.

All class and support teachers will be available on these evenings.

If the scheduled dates do not suit, please contact your class teacher to arrange an alternative time.

Swimming Lessons

We are pleased that swimming lessons are already underway this term. The following dates remain;

Mr. Looney's 5th and 6th class; Tuesday 20th October, Tuesday 3rd November

Mrs. O'Brien's 3rd and 4th class; Thursday, 22nd October.

School Closures

School will close on the following dates to facilitate staff training on the New Primary Curriculum and also a whole school training day for our new special class:

- Friday, November 13th; Special Class training
- Thursday, 14th January 2027

- Tuesday, 11th May 2027
- Thursday, 10th June 2027

School Fees and Insurance

A gentle reminder that school fees are now due.

Thank you to those who have already made payment.

This includes 24-hour pupil insurance, which provides valuable cover to your child outside of school hours.

Further information is available at www.allianz.ie.

Board of Management;

A huge welcome to Fr. Pat O'Donnell who is our new Chairperson. We wish him the very best in his new ministry here in Killarney. We also look forward to welcoming Fr. Kieran back in the near future to mark his contribution to our school and our Board of Management.

Thanks also to David Young for his support, time and effort as a parent's nominee on our Board of Management over the past few years. As David's son, Rob graduated in June, David is no longer a parent's nominee. We welcome Daniel Fernandez as our new Parent's Nominee. This is as a result of his candidacy in our last election.

School Lotto

A huge thank you to everyone who supports our School Lotto.

This is an important fundraiser that allows us to enhance our resources and facilities. The Jackpot is now €2000 with a special national Halloween raffle for all those entered.

You can sign up at:

www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/loretonskillarney

or by scanning the QR code below.



SCAN ME

Halloween Dress-Up Day

Pupils are invited to dress up on Friday, 23rd October.

All donations are welcome in aid of Debra Ireland - Butterfly Skin Charity.

Type Onesie Day

Children are invited to wear their favourite onesie or pyjamas on Thursday, 12th November.

All donations will go towards the CUH Paediatric Diabetes Team.

Halloween Break

Finally, on behalf of everyone at Loreto National School, I wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable lead-up to the Halloween break, which runs from 26th-30th October.

Regards,

Brian O'Sullivan

Principal