



# Scoil Bhríde, Loreto National School

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## Family Note #1

Dear parents,

The weeks are progressing so quickly, it is hard to believe that we are approaching the Halloween break again with over 5 weeks already completed in school.

Welcome; We extend a very warm welcome to our new Junior infants and to our new pupils who have joined us in different classes. We wish them all the very best and they begin their journey with us here in Scoil Bhríde, Loreto National School.

Bluebells; We welcome all the new preschoolers and a very warm welcome to Rosemary, Alison, Breeda and Valerie. Bluebells are running a before and afterschool service. For more information, please email [info@bluebellskillarney.ie](mailto:info@bluebellskillarney.ie)

**Parking and road safety:** Drop off and collection times are extremely busy times at our school. We ask that you park safely and respect our neighbours while doing so. 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 co-operation at these busy times is greatly appreciated.

**St. Brigids College Transition year placement:** We welcome past pupil, Molly Reidy as she completes her experience with us over 6 Fridays. We wish her the very best during her time here in Loreto National School.

**First Holy Communion 2023:** We look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am in Muckcross Church.

**Confirmation:** We also look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 3pm.

**Enrolment 2024:** Applications for our Junior Infant class 2024 are now open. Application forms are available to download from our website or directly from the office. The closing date is February 16<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Parent Teacher meetings: These face to face meeting will be held in the school on the evenings of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Booking for these meetings will open on Aladdin after the Halloween break and you will be notified of this. All class teachers and support teachers will be available to meet on these evenings. If these times or dates do not suit, please contact the class teacher to organise a new time/date.

Music Generation; We are very lucky to have been afforded the opportunity to take part in this wonderful initiative. 2<sup>nd</sup> class, 3<sup>rd</sup> class and 4<sup>th</sup> class are learning to play the Violin every Monday until Christmas. Thereafter, they will turn their attention to the cello. Huge thank you to Kerry ETB and all involved.

Congratulations; Huge congratulations to Mr. Pádraig O'Sullivan and Juliette Culloty on their recent wedding.

Uniforms; We ask that all pupils wear their uniforms and school tracksuits on the appropriate days. Junior infants, Senior Infants, 1<sup>st</sup> class and 2<sup>nd</sup> class boys have P.E on Wednesdays and Fridays. 2<sup>nd</sup> class girls, 3<sup>rd</sup> class, 4<sup>th</sup> class, 5<sup>th</sup> class and 6<sup>th</sup> class have P.E on Mondays and Thursdays.

Healthy eating; As we are a healthy eating school, we ask that all parents provide their children with a healthy lunch. A small treat is allowed on a Friday. Our healthy eating policy is available to view on our website.

Contact; If you wish to discuss a matter, please contact the class teacher through SEESAW or by phoning the office.

Absences; We are obliged to record all absences and reasons for same. You can record your child's absences on the Aladdin app. Please note that under the Education Act 2000, all schools are also legally obliged to report any absences totalling more than 20 days on one school year regardless of reason.

Halloween Dress up; All pupils may dress up on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October if they wish. All donations welcome in aid of CHI hospitals at Crumlin, Temple Street and Connolly.

Regards,

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