



St. Brigid's Primary School
Haddington Road
Principal's Bulletin
January 2016

Welcome back to a new school term. We hope everyone enjoyed a happy and restful holiday break.

This bulletin contains important reminders and dates to remember.

Please note that school opens for children at 8.50am and the Board of Management accepts responsibility for children at that time. Children should not be left in the playground without a parent before this time. This is to ensure that your child is safe and does not run outside the gates into oncoming cars.

Please make every effort to ensure that your child is not late for school as children who are late miss an important part of the day.

Update on new school building



Safety during building works

Building work has started on our new school. This will mean that there will be

increased traffic in the roads around the school, especially in Haddington Place at the back of our school.

We are asking all parents who normally come through Haddington Place from Haddington Road

to avoid this route completely while the work is going on.



Please come up Haddington Road and come through the gates of the church, or come up St Mary's Road from Northumberland Road. If your child comes to school without you, please ask them not to come through Haddington Place.

Fundraising

We thank everyone who supported our Christmas raffle in aid of the school building fund. We will need to continue the fundraising effort throughout this year as we have to raise €250,000. If you have ideas or skills to contribute to the effort, please get in touch with us; we have a fundraising committee who are co-ordinating the effort and would welcome all ideas.

Parking around the school

Please park carefully, especially on St.Mary's Road. Unsafe parking puts children's lives at risk and will be reported to the local Gardai. We understand that parking is limited and encourage as many families as possible to walk/cycle/scoot to school.



Please also remember not to block the entrances to houses, apartment entrances/exits or the lanes in the area as this causes a hazard and a nuisance to residents.

Spring Flowers

The parish authorities have asked us to remind you that children should not climb on trees or walk in the flowerbeds in the garden. The spring bulbs will be in bloom soon and will create a lovely display. Please be very careful if your children walk on the stones along by the flowerbeds.

Uniform shoes

Children should wear school shoes (not boots) with their uniforms and runners only with their school tracksuits on designated days. If boots/wellies are needed because of bad weather, please remember to give your child shoes to change into.

Water Bottles

Please remind your child to bring home his/her water bottle every day so you can

keep it clean. Please also encourage your child to drink lots of water during the day; there is a water filter tap in each classroom if the water bottle needs to be filled up again.



If you want to change your child's lunch order, please log onto www.carambola.ie with your child's code (on the lunch bag). Any changes made by Friday noon will be implemented for the following week.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is extremely important and every effort should be made for children to attend school every day. There is a clear link between good attendance and good progress.

If your child needs to be absent from school, please send us an Absence Form (available on our website or in the office)

Important Dates this term:

Wed & Thurs, Jan 13th and 14th :
Vaccinations for Junior Infants

Jan 15th 2016: Closing date for application for Junior Infants 2016:

Thurs & Fri, Feb 18th & 19th:
Mid-term break

Wednesday, March 16th at 11.00am:
Confirmation for children in 6th Class

Thursday March 17th-April 3rd: Easter
Holidays (re-open on Monday, April 4th)