

# St. Laurence's National School



## Halloween Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the mid-term break in St. Laurence's N. S. I would like to pay tribute to all the people who have helped in the successful reopening and running of our school, the Board of Management, the staff, the parents and most of all the children of our school whose resilience and positivity have enabled a very smooth return to school despite all the changes and challenges they had to face.

### School Events

Recently the children enjoyed participating in our schools maths week. There were lots of fun activities and games organized, including maths trails and maths riddles throughout the week. There are lots of photos to view on our maths fun day on our website at <https://www.stlaurencesbaldoyle.org/>

### Aladdin Connect

As you are aware the school is now using the Aladdin Connect application. This system allows us to communicate effectively with parents and guardians. It has also allowed us to considerably reduce our paper usage.

It is essential that each parent/guardian accesses this app to ensure they are kept up to date with any school events or updates. If you are having any issues connecting to Aladdin, please inform the school office.

### Frequently asked Questions

As we are now managing communications and the day to day running of the school in a different manner due to Covid19 below are some of the answers to common queries that you may find helpful.

**How do I inform the school if my child is sick?**

**Please do one of the following;**

- Update Aladdin on the Aladdin app;
  - Click on student profile
  - Click on student menu
  - Click on attendance
  - Select date student was absent and enter reason for absence.
- Email [office@stlaurencesbaldoyle.org](mailto:office@stlaurencesbaldoyle.org) or email your **class teacher**
- Phone Junior School: 01 8326782



- Phone Senior School: 01 8322938
- **Please do not** send in physical notes to teachers/office for any absences/early dismissal.
- **Please do** complete the **Health Declaration form** on Aladdin **the day your child returns to school**

**How do I inform the school if my child has an appointment, needs to be picked up early or will be arriving late?**

Please call the office or email [office@stlaurencesbaldoyle.org](mailto:office@stlaurencesbaldoyle.org) or email the class teacher if your child will be arriving late or will need to be picked up early on the day.

**How do we know what homework my child has for any day?**

As we are not using homework journals at present we will be posting the list of homework for each class on Aladdin Connect. This is visible to each parent on the Aladdin Connect App.

**What do I do if my child forgets their lunch/books?**

If your child forgets their lunch or books any day, their lunch/books can be left in the drop box by the front door at reception. Please inform the office once it has been dropped off and they will ensure they are brought to your child.

**Staggered start times**

Thank you to everyone who has adhered to the staggered start times in the school. We will be continuing with the staggered start and finish times after our mid-term break.

### Fundraising

- We will continue to have non-uniform days on the first Friday of each month.
- Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the voluntary contribution. It is very much appreciated. This contribution is absolutely vital to the financial well-being of the school. The second part of the collection will start in February 2021.



## New Sensory Room



We are delighted to announce that we have opened a new sensory room in our Junior School. This is a great asset to our school. We would like to express our immense gratitude to the local **Baldoyle Credit Union** who very kindly and very generously funded this.

## Enrolment for 2020/2021

Applications for Junior Infants are being accepted from 01<sup>st</sup> October 2020 and closing date for receipt of completed applications is 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 12:00pm. Application forms can be downloaded from our website;

- <https://www.stlaurencesbaldoye.org/> or
- *Application Forms are also available in both the Junior and Senior school offices.*

Once again I would like to thank everyone associated with the school and especially you the parents/guardians for your continued support and encouragement, as without it the school would not run as smoothly as it does. We greatly appreciate your constant good will.

*We hope you all have a great Halloween Break and a well-deserved rest.  
Stay safe*

Clare Finnerty (Principal Teacher)

