



# Loreto College Junior School

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## Newsletter October 2016

Dear Parents,

I welcome each one of you back to our new school year in Loreto College Junior School. It was wonderful to see our school transformed again into a building full of learning and laughter from the end of August. I am sure you all appreciate the effort and care that our staff put in during the last few weeks of August getting the school ready to receive our pupils. We are very lucky to have such a committed staff and supportive parent body who together create an environment that is as warm, encouraging and special as our girls deserve.

We have had a very busy and productive time since school began, A special Céad Míle Failte to our new children who have joined us from other schools. Our Junior Infant pupils have settled in well and are really enjoying the colourful soft fall area beside their classroom. They are welcome to our school family and I look forward to all the girls growing together in God's love as they meet the challenges of each school day with courage, persistence, creativity and friendship.

### Junior and Leaving Certificate Results

We are delighted to hear from many of our past pupils (and their parents) of the wonderful results obtained in the above exams. Congratulations and well done to all concerned. The many hours of study definitely paid off!

Congratulations to our past pupil Grace Given who has been appointed Head Girl in the Senior School. We wish her well in her important leadership position.

### 6th & 2nd Class

Sacramental Preparation has begun in these classes. It is a very special year for the girls and I ask our parents to accompany their daughters on this very special faith journey by attending Mass with them each week.

Warmest wishes and sincere thanks to Fr Kevin Bartley as he moves to a new appointment, we welcome Fr Bill Dailey who will be taking up parish duties this week.

### Parent Association

My sincere thanks to the members of our Parent Association who worked so hard, on your behalf, for our school last year. I welcome the new members and look forward to working with them. My thanks also to Stella O'Malley who gave a very interesting and thought provoking presentation on practical parenting at the AGM. Her book "Cotton Wool Kids" is worth reading and is full of common sense.

### Contact Forms

We are currently updating our records so if your personal details (address, mobile number, email address etc) have changed, it is important to let us know in the office. We endeavour to communicate through email and text message as much as possible through the school year.

All contact information will be treated with respect.

## Debate

Best wishes to our 6th Class as they prepare to defend the Mary Ward Debating Cup. We have been lucky to have won it for the last two years.

## Reminders

### Contacting your daughter's Class Teacher.

It is important to keep in contact. Your daughter's teacher should be the first person you speak to with a query or concern. We ask that you make an appointment to meet the class teacher, through the office, with a brief description of the purpose of the meeting, so that your teacher can afford you due time and consideration.

### Healthy Eating Policy.

It is important that our lunches are healthy. As we have a number of children with a severe nut allergy, I ask you not to give your children nuts or any product containing nuts in their lunchbox at any time. This includes the Friday 'treat' also.

### Traffic Safety

Our school is well serviced with pedestrian crossings and traffic lights. They are there for the safety of the children - please use them correctly. There is nothing more precious to us than the pupils in our school, and I ask you as parents/guardians, to be vigilant and cautious when dropping them to school, or collecting them. No Junior School pupil may enter St. Stephen's Green unless accompanied by an adult.

### Bedtime

Please ensure that your children get to bed early - we have noticed that some children are very tired in the mornings and find it difficult to concentrate and work properly. You may quote me if you wish!

## Hair

We ask that your daughter's hair is checked weekly and appropriate measures taken where necessary. Hair should always be tied up and in a plait/bun where possible.

## School Uniform

Please ensure that all school items are clearly marked with your daughter's full name.

## Collection arrangements

We have noticed an increase in the volume of calls in the last 15 minutes of the school day with changes to collection arrangements. We understand that your plans may change at the last minute but we would ask that the girls know their own collection arrangements each day.

## For your Diary:

### October

- 12th New Parents Evening.
- 28th Charity dress up day & **half day**.  
Aoibhneas Charity Coffee Morning

### November

- 24th & 25th Parent/Teacher meeting afternoons. **Half day for pupils.**
- 30th Musical Entertainment

### December

- 1st Musical Entertainment
- 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
**School closed for all.**
- 16th Junior & Senior Infant Nativity

Ag tús na scoil bliana nua gabhaim gach dea-ghuí agus sláinte oraibh go léir.

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Mairead, Bean Uí Chathmhaoil

Margaret Campbell