



# Loreto College Junior School

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## Newsletter October 2017

Dear Parents,

I welcome you all back for a new school year. We have already had a very busy and productive time since September, 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 as they meet the challenges of each school day with courage, persistence, creativity and friendship.

I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome our new members of staff. Ms Lisa Walsh who has joined us in 5th Class, Ms Jean Buchan in our Resource Team and Ms Gilda Sisk who is taking 1st Class in Ms Aboud's absence.

### School Mass

We officially opened our school year with a beautiful mass last Wednesday in University Church. Thank you to Ms Neenan for co-ordinating, to our celebrants Fr Enda Cunningham and Fr Bill Dailey and to Mr O'Reilly for the music. We would also like to thank all the parents and grandparents for attending and making this a very special occasion. The girls were so well behaved that they all earned a Homework Pass that evening!

### 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.

Congratulations to our past pupils Sophie Dolan who has been appointed Head Girl and to Aisling Coase who is Deputy Head Girl in the Senior School. We wish them well in their important leadership positions.

### 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.

### 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. Many thanks to John Lonergan who gave a very interesting and thought provoking presentation on practical parenting at the AGM.



*4th Class with author Judi Curtin*

## Housekeeping

### 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'.

### Traffic Safety

It has come to our attention that parents are continuing to park in the cycle lane opposite the school and it is not acceptable to do so. This practice is compromising the cycle lane and in turn putting cyclists lives in danger. We would ask all our parents to be cognisant of where they park their cars at drop off and collection.

Remember, many of our parents and children are cyclists too!

Our school is well serviced with pedestrian crossings and traffic lights. They are there for the safety of the children - please use them correctly and not run them across the road.

### Collection arrangements

We would please ask to you ensure that your daughter knows her own collection arrangements each day including After School activities and Supervision Room. This will reduce the number of messages that come to the office and it will also avoid unnecessary stress to the girls.

You can of course contact us in case of sudden change of arrangements.

## Late Arrival/Early Collection

We would ask that you try to make appointments for your children outside school hours where possible. If you must collect your child early please be aware that the office will be unattended between 12-12.30 to facilitate a lunchbreak for Ms St. Ledger.

## Hair

We thank you for keeping your daughters' hair tied back and we would suggest that you check their hair once a week to avoid the spread of lice.

## School Uniform

We will be doing spot checks on uniforms for names so please ensure that all items are correctly labelled. This should include shoe bags, art shirts, ballet shoes and hockey gear.

## Child Safety

A reminder that the girls must never open the glass security door without express permission from one of the staff.

## For your Diary:

### October

- 10th New Parents Evening.
- 27th Charity dress up day & **half day**.  
Aoibhneas Charity Coffee Morning

### November

- Parent/Teacher meeting afternoons. TBC
- Musical Entertainment. TBC

### December

- 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception

***School closed for all.***

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