



Coinnigh an solas ar lasadh

St Patrick's National School

Collon Road, Slane, Co. Meath C15 NX78

(041) 982 4229

office@slanens.ie

www.slanens.ie

Roll No: 18040L

Principal:

Paul O'Donnell

November Updates

4th November 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is all go in St. Patrick's National School! Some important updates:

Swimming

- Swimming is part of the PE curriculum and is one of the largest logistical operations undertaken in our school each year. A huge thank you to all pupils and parents from 1st to 6th class in preparation for the programme, to our teachers, Special Needs Assistants and volunteer parents, who are overseeing logistics, Magill coaches for transport and finally, to Sharon, our school secretary, who has planned the programme brilliantly. If still outstanding, swimming fees payment can be made via the Aladdin app.

Christmas Annuals

- A link will be sent via Aladdin this week for payment if you wish to buy Folens Christmas annuals. The cost per annual is €4 and the final date for payment will be **Friday 14th November**. If you want to order multiple copies, please email office@slanens.ie

Parent/Teacher Meetings

- Parent teacher meetings take place the week of the 24th of November. Sharon, our school secretary, will communicate with you to book a meeting slot with teachers early next week. **School will close at the earlier time of 2.45pm on Thursday the 27th of November**, when most meetings will take place.
- For child protection and health and safety reasons, children are not permitted to be on the school premises while the meetings are taking place. We ask that you please arrange alternative childcare.
- Please find a map of the school attached.

School Building Projects

There has been plenty going on during the mid-term break.

1. Windows and doors have now been installed at the front of the school. Follow up -

- We have a new front door but will not have the mag lock system fitted for a few days. As a result, please be patient at the front door as it has to be manually opened each time.
- Blinds will be fitted in the rooms at the front of the school (rooms 1, 2&3, 4) as well as new marmoleum flooring and fixed sliding storage as has been done in other rooms.
- The heat pump has still to be fully commissioned, as well as the rest of the snag list for the works.

2. New marmoleum flooring has been laid in the autism room, as well as new fixed dividers between individual workstations.

3. Fixed sliding storage has now been installed in rooms 5, 9, 10, 11 & 12. Follow up -

- Fitting in rooms 2&3 and 4 to be completed in the coming weeks.

4. Outdoors works have been completed, including removal of willow structures and fruit trees near hen house, refilling of soil in polytunnel and raised beds, sand in sandpit, repair of sand lid netting, the



Proud of our school's achievements



Coinnigh an solas ar lasadh

St Patrick's National School

Collon Road, Slane, Co. Meath C15 NX78

(041) 982 4229
office@slanens.ie
www.slanens.ie
Roll No: 18040L
Principal:
Paul O'Donnell

creation of a dead hedge in the field to separate the woodland area from the pitch and the cleaning of all drains and gulleys in the school yards. Follow up:

- A new outdoor climbing structure will be installed in spring, fundraised by the Parents' Association.
- We will be planting an additional 100 trees in the coming weeks to extend the woodland, thanks to funding from Meath County Council. Many thanks to Councillor Wayne Harding for including us in the scheme.

5. Car park works have begun in advance of the opening of the local community centre. Kerbing was completed in the week gone by. Follow up:

- There will be a schedule of works in the coming weeks. Please be patient as the works progress.

Outdoor Play Yard Rota

- During winter, the following rota is in place for classes from 1st to 6th to access to the outdoor learning space for their lunch break. All pupils have to do is bring a pair of wellies/ old runners or shoes to school on their day each week.
- Monday – 2nd class, Tuesday – 3rd class, Wednesday – 4th class, Thursday – 5th class, Friday – 6th class.

Irish Dancing Lessons

- Irish dancing lessons resume this Friday at 3pm and every Friday from now onwards. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Caoimhe McCormack on 0862111277 or srncob@live.com

Le meas,

Paul O'Donnell

Principal on behalf of the Board of Management



Proud of our school's achievements