

# Scoil Náisiúnta Sliabh a'Mhadra

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## Newsletter - February 2017

### Upcoming Events

**Anti-Bullying Talk for Parents:** All parents are invited to attend a talk on bullying and how to counteract it at the school on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at 7:30p.m. Mr. Seán Fallon, who has developed a programme to raise awareness of bullying and who advocates a "Reform not Blame" approach to dealing with bullying incidents will deliver the talk. I would encourage all parents to make a special effort to attend this event as our school's anti-bullying policy is based on his approach. This session should be over for about 9p.m.

**Lenrec Clothes:** will collect reusable items of clothing, bed linen, paired shoes, belts, handbags, towels and curtains from the school. Clothes can be dropped in the shelter here at the school on the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup> February or from early morning to 10a.m. on February 16<sup>th</sup>. A big thanks to everyone who contributed to our last collection which was a great success.

**First Confession:** will go ahead on 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8p.m.

**Confirmation:** Sixth class pupils will be confirmed by Bishop Ray Browne on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 3:30p.m. in Ballyduff. Our pupils will wear their school uniforms. Girls should wear a pinafore or skirt with black/navy tights and black shoes. Boys should also wear black shoes. The Parents' Association has provided a number of jumpers, skirts etc. which can be borrowed in the event of uniforms being too worn/shabby for the occasion.

### **Some reminders as regards school procedures**

**Uniform:** Please try to ensure that your child wears the full uniform to school each day. As the weather is unpredictable all pupils should wear a jacket to school.

**Absences Notes:** Please send a note explaining why your child has been absent. (There are ready made absence notes in the homework diaries if you wish to use them).

**Sign-Out:** The practice of taking pupils out early has increased. Please try to keep this practice to a minimum and use only when absolutely necessary ( eg. dental /doctor's appointments etc.) Please ensure that you sign your child out.

**Homework:** This is a very important term for primary pupils. Please check that your child's homework is completed to the best of his/her ability and sign the diary each night. If your child is having problems with homework please contact the class teacher.

**Mobile Phones:** Pupils are not allowed to bring Mobile Phones to school. However, if in exceptional circumstances, your child needs to bring one to school, the phone must be handed in to the office in the morning and will be returned to the pupil in the evening.

**Traffic:** As you are all aware, a traffic plan exists for morning drop-off and evening collection of pupils. Most parents understand the system and are aware that you wait in convoy in your car until a space becomes available in front of the school. When you pull in to that space, your child can be dropped off or collected. In general the system works very efficiently. However, sometimes perhaps a grandparent or other relative/friend is sent to collect and they may not be aware of the plan. Please inform them of the correct procedure so that there are no traffic jams.

Also, please avoid conversations or chatting to other parents when you could be moving off and allowing another parent to progress.

**Quiz:** Congratulations to all the boys and girls from Sliabh a' Mhadra who participated in the Credit Union Quiz in Causeway last Sunday. Well done to our U-11 team of Conor Donegan, Oisín O' Callaghan, Hannah Ludgate and T.J. O' Sullivan who were presented with beautiful trophies and a plaque for our school for coming 1<sup>st</sup> place. We are delighted with their success.

