

BURRANE NATIONAL SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

As we approach the Hallowe'en mid-term break, detailed below are a few things we would like to bring to your attention.

Covid-19 Procedures

Huge thanks to the children and parents for your continued adherence and diligence towards the new necessary school procedures!! The children have been truly amazing with how quickly they have adapted. Unfortunately, cases have risen significantly both nationally and locally in recent weeks. As a result, we have a few updates to bring to your attention-we really want to keep the virus out of our school as a return to distance learning is the last thing we want.

- **Distance Learning Survey** Thanks to everyone for returning the distance learning survey. We will continue to use the school website to distribute weekly homework in the unlikely event of school closure. (This is our best means of communicating as the quality of the internet in our teacher's homes is **very poor**)
- **Symptoms:** If a member of your household is showing symptoms of Covid-19 and/or awaiting a test or a test result then it is necessary for all members of that family to self-isolate until the test results returned (HSE Guidelines).
- **Response to a confirmed case:** The response to confirmed cases in a school is the responsibility of and will be led and managed by the HSE. All decisions as to appropriate actions following a confirmed case will be made by their teams in the context of a full Public Health Risk Assessment procedure. Actions to be taken by the school will be given to us by the HSE which we will then pass on to parents. If a school is not informed of actions to be taken, then it is not deemed necessary by Public Health.
- **Confidentiality:** The confidentiality of staff, pupils, parents and their families with respect to medical information will always be protected. We ask that cases are never discussed on social media platforms or messaging groups.
- In the event of a 'Pod' or 'Bubble' having to selfisolate, it is important that we can continue with your child's education. Your child's teacher will be in contact with you if that arises.

Hallowe'en Colours Day

This year the pupils chosen charity for our dress up day is the "The Shoe Box Appeal" Due to the effects of Covid-19 restrictions, it is not possible to send gift-filled shoeboxes from Ireland this year, so each room is hoping to raise enough to pay for gift-filled shoeboxes online. Each Box cost €20 to fill. This will take place on Friday the 23rd of October and we will be asking for a donation of €2 per child. Children can dress up in their Hallowe'en costumes.



School Closures

A copy of the school calendar is available on the school website. The school will be closed from **Monday the 26th of October to Friday the 30th of October** for its Mid-Term Break.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Our parent/teacher meetings are scheduled to take place after the Hallowe'en break. They will begin on the week of Monday the 16th of November. It will not be possible for these meetings to take place face-to-face due to Covid-19 restrictions. Meetings will take place by phone call. We will be in touch closer to the time with details.

In School Healthy Activities

Both the teachers and pupils are enjoying our daily health activities. As the weather deteriorates we will include mindfulness activities in our day. This is to give some downtime to the children where they will learn to become aware of how they are feeling.

We are urging the children to stay safe over the Hallowe'en Holidays.

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Helen Kelly.



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