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18<sup>th</sup> of October 2021

Dear Parents,

Our **Witch Walk** will take place this **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October**. Children are encouraged to dress up and to meet at the Hotel at **8.40am** to walk to the school. A donation of €2 per child is appreciated towards P.E. equipment for the school yard. Thanks to Tristen and Jonah for posters about the Witch Walk :)



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Mass for the beginning of the school year will be celebrated virtually on **Friday 22nd October** at 9.30am in Allenwood Church and transmitted to all schools. It will be broadcast on Allen Parish Facebook page (public broadcast, should be no need to sign in).

After the Halloween break, **from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of November, 1<sup>st</sup> Class and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class** will go back to finishing at **2.35pm**

The school will be taking part in the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal this year. We are asking families to put together a shoebox of gifts that will be given to a child affected by poverty across Africa and Eastern Europe. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach the children about the importance of giving to those less fortunate so we hope that as many people as possible will get involved. If you would like to put together a shoebox, simply ask your child to take a leaflet from their teacher and follow the instructions. All shoeboxes must be returned to the school by Thursday 4th November at the latest. For more information, see <https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/>

We are celebrating Maths Week in Robertstown this week. We have an exciting competition on in school using our Maths Eyes and one lucky pupil will win a €20 one for all voucher! Some classes will tune in to Maths TV sessions daily. We will have lots of fun maths activities on in the classrooms and 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes will go down the village on a Maths Trail. Children from Senior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class are invited to bring in board games this Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. There are plenty of maths games, activities and competitions on the maths week website if you want to check it out at home. <https://www.mathsweek.ie/2021/>

The Scholastic school book fair will take place between November 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be brought down daily to choose/ order books should they wish.

Parent teacher meetings are pencilled in for the 16th/ 17th of November. We are hoping these will take place face to face but are awaiting guidance from the department on this. If they are not face to face they will be through phone call, as they were last year. Links will be sent out to parents on the 1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. It is looking increasingly likely they will be through phone call.

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Eye vision screening for Junior Infants children will not take place until the New Year, as firstly the children in Senior Infants have to be completed nationwide.

Bishop Denis will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Friday 1st April 2022 at 11am for Robertstown and Allenwood schools in Allenwood Church

**First Communion** will take place on Saturday 21st May for Robertstown School in Allenwood Church at 11am

The Parish Office is working on the preparation programmes for the Sacraments and will be in touch during November/December.

Mr. O'Donoghue sent out a survey last week on Aladdin about School Photos or County Photos as the provider for class photos next Spring, your opinion is appreciated.

We are looking for permission to put photos on the school website. Please contact the office if you **do not wish** for your children's photos to be on our website.

The **Parents Association AGM** will take place on **November 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 8pm through zoom. Anyone interested in going on the Committee or wishing to be nominated, please email the office. More details to follow.

There will be a fundraiser **Clothing Collection** on **Tuesday 9th of November**. Black bags can be dropped off on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and early on the Tuesday up to 11.00am, into the bicycle shelter. Duvet covers, shoes, bags and belts will also be collected on the day, thank you for your support.

## **A message from the Green Schools Secretaries:**

The 2021/2022 Green Schools Committee have been selected. The Green Schools secretaries are Maisie, Jack and Conor. The Communications team is Aodhan, James and Ella. The noticeboard managers are Erin May, Melanie and Áine. This year we hope to make school greener, more environmentally friendly and learn lots along the way. We are really excited to get started and hope for your support during year.

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