

Robertstown

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Dear Parents,

All schools in the Parish of Allen now have a common window for Junior Infants admissions applications. Applicants have been notified of the decision of their application on Friday 4th of February. **Applicants must confirm acceptance by Friday 18th of February.** A copy of the school's Admission Policy and the Application Form for Admission for the year 2022/2023 is available to download at: www.robertstownns.ie or by emailing robertstownns@gmail.com.

School will be closed for a **half day on March 16th** for all pupils to facilitate staff training on the new Primary Language Curriculum. Junior Infants & Senior Infants and siblings finish at 11.50 First Class to Sixth Class finish at 12.00

Due to the government announcement of March 18th as a bank holiday we have decided to take the extra day at the end of the year meaning we will now finish school on June 29th instead of June 30th.

This year we will be trying to implement 'School Tour Week' where school tours will all take place during the week of May 30^{th} – June 3^{rd} .

Confirmation Enrolment and Ceremony of Light takes place this **Saturday 12th February 6.30 p.m. Allenwood Church** for Robertstown School. Please note face coverings mandate remains in place for public religious/worship gatherings.

The Parent Association Committee has organised an information session especially for RNS Parents & Guardians on 'Internet Safety' on Tuesday Feb 15th at 7.30pm. This short talk will teach you all you need to know to protect your children and is conveniently delivered online by experienced facilitators. Link for parents to register in advance is https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Robertstown-NS-Internet-Safety-Registration-22. It will only take 2 minutes to register. You will need to register by 3pm on day of session. Next Tuesday February 8th is "Safer Internet Day 2022". This year Webwise and the National Parents Council Primary (NPC) are

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running a campaign to support parents in their engagement with their children's lives online. Lots of information available on https://www.webwise.ie/saferinternetday/

The NPC are running free workshops for parents all week long 7th - 11th February 10am & 7.30pm each day. Information and registration at <u>https://www.npc.ie/news-events/keeping-your-child-safe-internet-safety-training-for-parents</u>

Ukulele lessons carry on as normal on Wednesday for 3rd and 4th class. Payment link is on Aladdin.

We have organised a clothes collection for Tuesday 8th of March as a school fundraiser. This will give you the opportunity to do a spring clean and clear out the wardrobes during the midterm break. Duvet covers, shoes, bags and belts will also be collected on the day, thank you for your support.

Underage GAA training will be starting back on Friday 18th February in Robertstown GAA. They are looking to get as many new members as possible.

The Soccer Academy will begin again Sunday February 6th at 11am to Noon. Soccer Academy for Boys and Girls born in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. All welcome. \in 2 per child (no need to be a member) in Allenwood Celtic Grounds (Edenderry road).

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week in RNS last week with this year's theme being about living life to the full with God. Each of us is unique. We are born with our own talents and gifts. We are made to love and receive love, and the week gave us a chance to celebrate this. Congratulations to the winners of our Catholic Schools Week art competition. All classes submitted fantastic entries and although we only chose one winner from each class, every entry merited a prize. Well done to all.

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