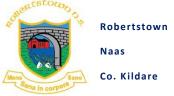
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16th October 2023

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a lovely weekend.

A huge congratulations to our Under 11 boys who won the football semi-final against Johnstownbridge last Friday in Allenwood. They will be playing Cappagh tomorrow 17th October in Moorefield GAA in Newbridge at 3.10.

Our Witch Walk will take place on Friday 27th October. We will meet at the hotel in Robertstown at 08:40 and walk to the school together. We are asking for a donation of €2 which will go towards maths resources. The Parents Association will arrange games in the hall for the children.

Our school will close for the mid-term break on Friday 27th October at normal finishing times and will reopen on Monday 6th November.

Homework Club will run as usual this week.

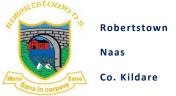
County Photos will be in our school on **Tuesday 14th November** to take school photos. More information to follow closer to the time.

Scholastic will run a book fair in the school on the 16th of November until the 23rd November 2023. More information to follow shortly.

Pupil Insurance

We have extended timeline for payments of our 24hr pupil insurance to the 31st October 2023. The cost is €10 per child and we highly recommend that all families

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avail of this. A link has been set up on Aladdin for payment or you can pay in the office. Thank you for your co-operation.

The children have been very busy decorating their Christmas card templates. A sample card will be printed and sent home in the next few weeks and orders can then be made online or cash can be handed into the office.

Ukulele lessons commenced for 3rd and 4th class last Friday 6th October. There was great excitement in the classes. Costs are €28 euro for 28 weeks (€1 per week) and €58 if you would like to buy the ukulele (€30 cost for ukulele). Thank you to all the people that have already paid.

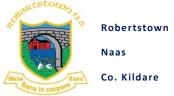
There will be a clothes collection on **Monday 13th of November**. Cash for Clobber is aimed at raising awareness of clothes reuse among children (and adults). The scheme highlights the benefits of sending clothes that can be reworn to the 'developing world' – generating a cleaner, brighter future for everyone. Currently, 75% of the world's population depend on second-hand clothing.

Swimming lessons will commence in K-Leisure for 6th class on the 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th of November and 4th of December. Cost is €50.00 for the term. The price has increased due to a high increase in instructor fees, pool hire and bus fees. A link has been set up on Aladdin for payment. Swimming will commence for 4th and 5th class in January and for 1st, 2nd and 3rd class in February. Dates to follow.

Voluntary Contribution payment links are set up on Aladdin, your support is greatly appreciated in this regard. This contribution supports the school in art supplies, curriculum resources, events and speakers in school and upkeep of the ICT infrastructure etc. As per previous year's it will be €50 for the first child, €40 for second and subsequent children.

A reminder that children are not permitted on the school grounds before 8.45am and between 1.35 and 2.35. Thank you for your co-operation.

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The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Denis on Thursday 14th March 2024 at 11am in Allenwood Church and The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday the 18th May at 11am in Allen Church.