



Robertstown

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Robertstown National School

21st October 2024

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We hope you are all keeping well and had a lovely weekend.

A reminder that we will be finishing for the Halloween mid-term break this **Friday 25th of October** at the usual finishing times and return on **Monday 4th of November**.

Our Witches Walk will take place this **Friday 25th of October**. Children are encouraged to dress up and meet at the Hotel in Robertstown at **8.45am** to walk to the school. A donation of €2 per child is appreciated. Money will go towards resources for the school.

The Parents association is organising some Halloween activities in the school this **Thursday 24th October**. They have arranged for Naas library to visit our school and have a story time with junior infants, senior infants and 1st class in the library. There will be a movie day for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class in their classroom and the Parents association will drop around a goodie bag and a drink for all the children. The junior classes will receive their goodie bag at home time.

There will be a clothes collection tomorrow **Tuesday 22nd of October** as a school fundraiser. All types of clothing, bags, shoes, hats, belts, towels, curtains and bed linen can be donated. No duvets or pillows. The school doors at reception will be open at 8.40am in the morning and bags can be brought to the hall. Thank you for your support.

A massive thank you to Ms. McCaffrey and the Parents association for organizing the games and activities for maths week last week. The children had so much fun.

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We will begin to take applications for our junior infant class and ASD class for September 2025 from this **Friday 25th of October**. The admissions process is taking place earlier this year as requested by the Department of Education and Skills. Our admissions notice and admissions policy is on our school website and noticeboard. Enrolment forms will be available to download from the website from this Friday or a hard copy will be available from the office. The **deadline** for applications is **Friday the 15th of November**.

Swimming lessons for 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes will commence **on Tuesday the 5th of November** for five weeks (5th, 12th, 19th, 26th of November and 3rd of December). Lessons for 5th and 6th classes will commence on Monday the 27th of January for five weeks (27th of January, 10th, 24th of February, 3rd and 10th of March. Aquatics is part of the PE curriculum so attendance is advised unless a legitimate reason is given. Cost for the term is €50.00, a link has been set up on Aladdin for payment. Thank you to everyone that has already paid.

Our school will be closed on **Monday 11th of November** as teachers will be attending a training day for the Primary Mathematics Curriculum.

County Photos will be in our school on **Tuesday 12th November** to take school photos.

The children have been busy creating their designs for their Christmas Cards. Each child's sample card will be sent home in the coming weeks and these can be ordered online or by cash in the office. We are looking forward to seeing all the beautiful cards.

The book fair will take place this year from Thursday the 14th of November until Thursday the 21st of November. The school receives up to 60% of sales in book vouchers for our school library.

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3rd and 4th class will be going on their school tour to Kilmainham Jail on **Friday 15th of November**. The cost for the bus is €10.00 per student. A link has been set up on Aladdin. Thank you to everyone that has already paid.

Our Catholic Schools Committee along with Ms. Conroy will be organising the annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal. The closing date for this year's appeal is **Friday 8th of November**. Leaflets have been sent home. Thank you for your ongoing support for this wonderful appeal.

As part of Sixth Class Confirmation preparation, the children will be attending a Confirmation retreat day on **Thursday 5th December 2024** in Mount St. Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre, Killenard, Portarlinton, Co. Laois. The cost of the retreat is €30 which also includes the price of the bus and refreshments on the day. The bus will leave the school at 9am sharp on the morning of the retreat and will return by the end of the school day. A link has been set up on Aladdin for payments and all payments should be paid in full by **Friday 29th of November**.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Friday 14th March 2025** at 11am in Allenwood Church and The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday the 24th May 2025** in Allenwood Church.

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