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Robertstown National School

13th November 2024

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I would like to begin by thanking the children, staff and school community for their warm welcome to Robertstown. It is a busy time of year but it has been so lovely getting to know the children over the past week. I hope that you are keeping well and staying warm as the weather begins to change. Please find below details of some of the upcoming activities.

New School Enrolments

A gentle reminder that the **deadline** for applications for Junior Infant and ASD class for next year is this **Friday 15th November**. Applications can be submitted after this date but will only be processed after applications received within the enrolment period. If you wish to enrol your child for a different class within the school, please call into the office.

Parent Teacher Meetings

This year we are holding our Parent Teacher Meetings on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st November. A link will be sent via Aladdin today at 12pm for families with 2 or more siblings to book a meeting with your child's teacher. All other families will receive the link tomorrow at 12pm. **Please note that the children will finish school at 2.25pm on Wednesday and Thursday next week** to facilitate preparation for these meetings. We look forward to seeing you then!

School Closure

I would like to make you aware that the school will be **closed** on **Friday 29th November** as the building is being used as a polling station for the General Election.

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Principal

Clare Dunne
Deputy Principal

Roll No. 18430



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Aladdin

One of the ways our school communicates with you is via Aladdin. Please ensure that you have notifications turned on so that you are made aware of messages in a timely fashion.

Swimming

Swimming lessons for 2nd, 3rd and 4th class continue each Tuesday. Children will need a towel, togs, swimming cap and a packed lunch. The balance for swimming (€50.00) is now due. Many thanks to everyone that has already paid.

Science Week

We have been blown away by the creativity, effort and care that the children have demonstrated this week during the **Build-a-Bridge** competition. Please check our X page in the coming days for photos of some of the children's designs.

STEAM Academy will be delivering a Robotics Workshop this Friday to children from 2nd-6th classes. Many thanks to Ms.McCaffrey for organising the programme of activities for the week.

County Photos

County Photos came to the school yesterday. Information regarding ordering photos will be issued soon. The children looked great in their uniforms. Many thanks for your support with this.

Children's Christmas Cards

Reminder that the deadline for Christmas Card orders is today **Wednesday 13th November**.

Book Fair

We are very excited for the Book Fair to visit the school tomorrow Thursday 14th November. Children will have the opportunity to view the tomorrow and can then purchase books in the subsequent days. We would like to invite parents to visit the



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Book Fair on Tuesday next week 1.45-2.30pm if you would like to purchase any books for your child or make an early start on Christmas shopping!

Kilmainham Gaol

Ms. Murphy's 3rd and 4th class will be going on their school tour to Kilmainham Gaol this **Friday 15th November**. A packed lunch is needed for the trip. Permission is essential for attending. A link has been sent out on Aladdin for this. Thank you to everyone that has already paid.

Shoebox Appeal

Shoebboxes for the annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal were collected today. 70 boxes were donated. Thank you to everyone that supported this wonderful appeal. Please see our X page for photos of the children with their haul of shoeboxes!

6th Class Retreat

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, Portarlington, 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 November**.

Bric-a-Brac Collection

On Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December 2024, our school will hold our annual Bric-A-Brac charity sale. Items such as toys, unwanted small items, pictures, jewellery, teddies, ornaments, books etc can be sent into the school. Our sale will raise funds for our school and 'Blood Bike Leinster' who are providing support to a member of our school community. Thank you for your support.



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Competition

Congratulations to Ms. Conroy's 6th class who have won a trip to the Epic Museum and Jeanie Johnston on schooldays.ie. A date for the trip will be organised soon.

Robertstown U-14 Girls

Congratulations to Robertstown U-14 Girls who won the Under 14 Girls League final against Kilcock last weekend 4-10 to 1-6. We are very proud of the girls and we look forward to seeing the cup visit the school in the coming weeks!