# Sandford Parish National School Newsletter September 2023

# Important Dates

**24th September 2023**: PTA Sponsored Walk - Herbert Park at 2:00pm.

5th October 2023: PTA AGM

**15th October 2023**: Children's Harvest Thanksgiving Service - St Phillip's Church at 11:30am.

**28th, 29th & 30th November 2023**: Parent Teacher Meetings

10th December 2023: Carol Service - Sandford Church at 3:30pm.

# Welcome Back to School

It has been a wonderful couple of weeks settling back into school life and I am very excited to be starting the new academic year in SPNS. I have received such a warm welcome from staff, pupils, parents/guardians and the wider school community, thank you all. I look forward to getting to know you all over the coming months. I would like to welcome all of our new pupils and families to SPNS also.

Mrs Kirwan

# Drop Off/ Collection

Both pupils and parents/guardians are **welcome into the school yard** for school opening at 8:30am and at 2.10pm collection. Please note: Pupils will not be supervised by school staff before 8:30am.

When collecting pupils, particularly at the **infant collection times**, can you please be mindful that classes are still ongoing. It is important to leave promptly after collecting the Infants to ensure the least disruption to all classes.

### No Wheels on Yard

Please remember children should not cycle, scoot, skateboard etc. when entering or in the school yard to ensure the safety of everyone. Encourage the children to walk their bikes, scooters etc. to the designated parking areas.

# **Contacting Teachers**

Please be aware that that the email addresses for staff are work emails and therefore school staff will not be monitoring or replying to emails outside of working hours. If you need to send an email in the evening, please schedule it to be delivered in the morning or during the working day. Also please be mindful of the content of emails. It is important to note that teachers will not be able to check the emails while teaching and may not see emails in the morning, so please contact the school secretary if you have a query needing a quick reply/action.

Please contact the school secretary with regard to school absences, queries etc.

Office: 8:30am - 2:30pm
Secretary: Beverley Haren - secretary@sandfordparishns.ie
Phone: 01-4974277

**Principal**Mrs Kirwan - jkirwan@sandfordparishns.ie

**Deputy Principal**Mrs Davies - ydavies@sandfordparishns.ie

### **Class Teachers**

Junior Infants: Ms Rogan - hrogan@sandfordparishns.ie

Senior Infants: Ms Smyth - ssmyth@sandfordparishns.ie

1st Class: Ms Ward - hward@sandfordparishns.ie

2nd Class: Mrs Davies - ydavies@sandfordparishns.ie

3rd Class: Mrs Dowzer - adowzer@sandfordparishns.ie

4th Class: Ms Tennant - btennant@sandfordparishns.ie

5th Class: Ms Murphy - ekmurphy@sandfordparishns.ie

6th Class: Ms Shaw - bshaw@sandfordparishns.ie

### **Special Education Teachers**

Ms Murphy: emurphy@sandfordparishns.ie

Mrs Whelan: cwhelan@sandfordparishns.ie

Ms Laing: elaing@sandfordparishns.ie



Our school is delighted to announce that we are rolling out the Aladdin ePayment system to parents/guardians of pupils in our school.

More information will follow.

## Garda Vetting

We often need the assistance of parents/guardians to help out at events, library etc.

To do this parents/guardians need to be garda vetted. This is an easy process and simply involves filling in a form, followed by completing an online link.

If you haven't been garda vetted through the school and would like to begin the process, please request a form from Beverley in the office.

# After School Activities



Soccer Monday 2:30-3:30pm 1st-6th Class

Hockey Tuesday 2:30-3:30pm 4th, 5th & 6th Class

**Drama**Tuesday 2:10-3:10pm
1st, 2nd & 3rd Class

Thursday 2:10-3:10pm 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th Class

**Lego Club** Wednesday 2:10-3:10pm 1st-3rd Class

Multi-Sports Club Tuesday 2:10-3:10pm

> Chess TBC

To check availability of classes please contact Beverley in the office.





