

Family Note No. 17 (1st March 2010)

Dear Parents,

Please note the following:

1. First Penance Ceremony:

The First Penance Ceremony has been rescheduled for Thursday, 18th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Church of Christ Our Light (to avoid clash with Parish Mission Services next week). We wish the pupils of Second Class well and ask for your prayerful support as they prepare for their First Penance and First Holy Communion Ceremonies.

2. World Book Day:

The Annual World Book Day will be celebrated on this Thursday, March 4th. Each child will receive a Book Token during the coming week. This will enable you to get €1.50 off your next purchase of a book. Or alternatively, you can exchange it for one of the seven specially produced books for World Book Day. The tokens may be used in most bookshops. Happy reading!

3. Stray Dogs on School Grounds: Once again, I would appeal to all families to ensure that their dogs do not arrive on to the school grounds (two dogs on Yard this morning). We are very anxious that the health and safety of the pupils may be at risk arising from dogs that make a nuisance of themselves on the school yards. Contact has again been made with the Dog Warden Service to address this situation.

4. Parking: Once again, I would appeal to all motorists to avoid parking in the 'disabled' parking areas, on the double yellow lines and in the 'Set Down Only' areas in the Church Car Park, and outside the front gate of the school. The majority of motorists are very conscious of the need for great care when parking and driving in the Church Car Park and outside the main school gates. *Unfortunately, a small number of motorists continue to ignore our requests regarding proper parking and create difficulties for other motorists and put the lives of children in danger.* Please show consideration and respect for all other motorists and drive with great caution when collecting and dropping off pupils at the school. **'Set Down' means that you are not to park and leave your car in that area of the Church Car Park: rather you should pull in, allow the child(ren) to get out and then you drive away from the Set Down Parking area.**

5. Junior Wardens: Please continue to co-operate with the Junior Wardens who help the children to cross the road safely at the front of the school. We remain concerned about a very small number of parents who refuse to obey the 'No Parking' Markings and/or are impatient with the Junior Wardens as they carry out their valuable and voluntary duties. The work of the Junior Wardens is now even more important in light of the Extension Works going on at the school and so we would urge all motorists to co-operate with them.

6. March Calendar of Events: Please note dates and events scheduled for this month overleaf. A busy month ahead!

Donal O' Sullivan, Principal.

