

FAMILY NOTE NO. 7 (4th Oct. 2015).

Dear Parents,

Please note the following regarding **Nature Trek Day: Friday, 7th Oct.:**

a) Timetable: We plan to follow this timetable on Friday next:

10.40-10.50 a.m.: Small Break.

11.30 a.m.: Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First and Second Classes start out on their walk having met our guest.

11.30 a.m.: Third to Sixth Classes come to the Hall to meet our special guest.

12 noon: Third to Sixth Classes set out on their walk.

12.50-1.20 p.m.: Lunch Break

Children will go home at the usual 'finishing times' i.e. 1.40 p.m. / 2.40 p.m.

b) Opening: This year we look forward to welcoming Lizzie Lee and Rob Heffernan, both Olympic Athletes, to start our Nature Trek. They will no doubt have a very attentive audience on the day.

c) Parents/Family Members: We would be delighted if as many parents/family members as possible would accompany us on the Walk, especially the parents/family members of the younger children.

d) Clothing: *Pupils should wear their school tracksuit and polo shirt on Friday.* Please give your child a raincoat and old runners/wellington boots coming to school on Friday. Parts of the Regional Park may be wet so when they return to school they should remove their boots/wellingtons at the door and put them in a bag. *It may be wise to give your child an additional pair of socks to change into when we return from the Park.* If any parent of a child in Junior/Senior Infants is available to help the teachers with getting the children ready beforehand or more importantly with removing boots and tying laces afterwards, please let the class teacher know you can help.

e) Wet Day: *Raingear is essential* as we will be undertaking the Trek unless conditions become extreme!

f) School Bags: School Bags must be brought to school on Friday morning.

g) Party/Tea: To reward the pupils for their hard work on Nature Trek Day, the tradition of having a post-Trek party will continue. We will supply the drinks for the pupils. Please give your child some treat(s) for the party which can be shared among their classmates on their return to the classroom.

Please note that the volunteers from the Parents and Friends' Association will be in the School Hall to provide a welcome cup of tea/coffee to the adults upon their return from the Regional Park.

h) Money: Your support with the fund raising efforts would also be very much appreciated. Again, please ensure that your child is accompanied by a responsible adult when/if collecting money: basic safety rules should apply at all times. Please encourage the children to collect their money as soon as possible and return it to the school. Please do not send money on the day of the Trek as the organization involved would not allow for proper recording. We would appreciate it if all Cards could be returned to the school on/before Friday, 28th Oct.

i) Dogs: As in recent years, we are again advising parents that dogs should not be brought along on the day due to the bother that can sometimes arise when dogs get excited and young pupils in particular may become a little anxious.

Looking forward to yet another exciting day!

Donal O' Sullivan, Principal.

Orla Lande, Nature Trek Co-ordinator.