



19th September 2019

Fáilte ar ais ar scoil gach duine. Tá súil agam go raibh Samhradh maith agaibh go léir agus go bhfuil sibh réidh don bhlian amach romhainn.

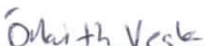
A warm welcome back to school for all. We hope everyone had a great break and are ready for another year of school. We wish a special welcome to the boys and girls in Junior Infants who are starting on a wonderful adventure in life. We hope that you will have eight wonderful years in Good Shepherd National School. We also extend a very warm Good Shepherd welcome to all those pupils who have joined us for the first time this year.

We also welcome back our staff and extend a welcome to some new teachers:

- Ms. Quinn (Junior Infants)
- Ms. Carty (Senior Infants)
- Mr. Doyle (4th Class)
- Ms. Collery (Special Ed Team)

As we start the 2019/20 school year, we know you will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best that they can be. We ask that you continue to guide and support your child's learning and encourage them to share their school experiences with you.

Go éirí an t-ádh libh ar fad!
Beir bua is beannacht,


Órlaith Veale,
Príomhoide

JUNIOR INFANTS 2020

Closing date for applications for Junior Infants 2020 is at close of business Friday 18th October.



Calendar 2019/20

Mass Enrolments for sacraments

Sunday 29th September 12.00 noon.

Open Day Sunday 6th October 11.00-1.00pm

Annual Sponsored Walk

Friday 11th Oct (During school hours)

Mid-term Break

School closed Monday, 28th Oct. – Friday, 1st Nov. (inclusive)
(School re-opens **Tues. 5th Nov.** 8.50am).

In-service Day – Monday 4th November **School Closed**

Mass for deceased members of our school community

Sunday 10th Nov 12.00 noon.

Bag packing SuperValu – Thurs 8th Nov- Sun 10th Nov

Parent/Teacher meetings - **School closes at 2.15pm**

Wed 20th Nov from 2.30pm – 5pm.

Christmas Concert in the Church 3.00pm

Sunday 1st December

Christmas Performances

Wed Dec 18th (Class times to be confirmed)

Christmas Holidays

School closes **Friday, 20th Dec. at 12.00pm** – Friday, 3rd Jan. (inclusive) (School re-opens Mon.6th Jan. 8.50am). **2020**

Mid Term Break

School closed Mon 17th Feb.- Fri 21st (inclusive) (School re-opens Mon. 24th Feb. 8.50am).

First Penance 5th March 7.00pm in the church

School Closed Monday, 16th March

St. Patricks Day Tuesday 17th March **School closed**

Confirmation 5th & 6th Thursday 26th March 11.00am

Easter Holidays

Friday, 4th April **school closes at 12.00pm** – Friday, 17th April (inclusive) (School re-opens Mon. 20th April 8.50am).

First Holy Communion Saturday 9th May 11am.

May Bank Holiday Monday, 6th -School Closed

June Bank Holiday Monday, 3rd – School closed.

Summer Holidays Friday 26th June 12 noon

Parents Classroom Morning Visits

Visits are taking place in classes over the next two weeks. If you need to discuss your child's progress before our annual Parent Teacher meetings contact the office school@goodshepherd.ie to make an appointment.

Sponsored Walk- Our annual sponsored walk will take place on Friday 11th October. This is one of our schools most important fundraising initiatives. Your continued support is really appreciated. All monies raised will be spent on the continued upgrade of our school's IT infrastructure and our sensory garden fund.

Open Morning 6th Oct 11.-1pm. We are holding our 'Open-Morning' on Sunday 6th October 2019 from 11am-1pm. All are welcome to visit and view our wonderful facilities first hand, take a tour and meet some of our very dedicated staff. Please let neighbours, friends and those new to the Parish know of this date.

Junior Infants 2020/2021: Places for Junior Infants 2020/21 are filling quickly (we have a number of siblings who will be joining us next year). Our enrolment form is available to download from our website www.goodshepherd.ie Please complete your child's application and forward to the school ASAP. Places will be allocated in October 2019.

Athletics We are continuing to build on our achievement's in the athletic field. Mr David Bradshaw (athletics coach) will be working with classes on Friday afternoons this year.

GAA We are delighted to welcome Donal Gormley from our local GAA club Ballinteer St. Johns who is currently working with 2nd-4th class. Well done to our GAA team who had a great victory in the Go Games league against Ballinteer boys school (photos on website)

Drama A big welcome back to our fantastic drama teacher Sandra O Hanlon who works with all classes every Wednesday.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation: Children from 2nd, 5th & 6th will have their enrolment on Sunday 29th September to prepare to receive their First Holy Communion & Confirmation next year. If you were unable to attend the Mass please contact the parish as soon as possible to confirm your child's intentions.

PA WhatsApp forms -Return same to your class teacher ASAP. This is a great way to get to know the other parents in your child's class.

GOOD SHEPHERD NS IS GOING GREEN

Please make sure we have your up to date phone numbers and email address.
From now on all information regarding our school will be emailed to parents.



Monday:	Homework Club	4 th - 6 th Class	2.30 - .3.30	Mary Lynch	086 319 4460
	Brickx Lego	Junior – 6 th Class	1.30 - 3.30	Karen Farrell	087 994 1575
	Basketball	Junior – 6 th Class	1.30- 3.30	Ciaran	087 656 4617
Tuesday:	Short Tennis	Junior – 6 th Class	1.30- 3.30	Karl Russell	087 997 2027
	Homework Club	4 th - 6 th Class	2.30- 3.30	Mary Lynch	086 319 4460
Wednesday:	Football	Junior – 6 th Class	1.30- 3.30	Maggie Doyle	085 134 0646
Thursday:	Different Sports	3 rd - 6 th Class	2.30- 3.30	Ms Tierney & DLR	Sports
	Homework Club	4 th - 6 th Class	2.30 -3.30		
	R.A.T.T.S	1 st - 6 th Class	1.30-3.30	Joe Conlon	086 447 7287

Piano Lessons – Contact Ms O'Connor 5th Class for Various days and times.

Drum Lessons – Contact Steven Salmon 086 178 9859 for various days and times.