

Parent Teacher Meetings

In addition to communicating with parents throughout the school year, our school teams look forward to speaking with parents next week by phone in relation to each child's progress. We hope that by next year, we will be back to face-to-face meetings. Thank you in advance for your partnership and cooperation.



Time to Read

Our Time to Read programme is underway for the third year in partnership with Time to Read and Norton Lifelock company. This is the second year that the programme has taken place virtually whereby volunteers from Norton Lifelock support the reading of a number of participating students in Second Class. The books such as 'Jelly Boots Smelly Boots' and 'Tom Crean The Brave Explorer' are extremely interesting texts and we thank the Norton Lifelock Team for their volunteerism and engagement.



Connect with us!

We invite you to keep up to date with all school events via Aladdin Connect our school website www.stphilipsjns.ie and our school Twitter account [@StPhilipsJNS](https://twitter.com/StPhilipsJNS)



Frása na Seachtaine

Our Frása na Seachtaine for this week is:

Caithim éide scoile / culaith Reatha scoile ar scoil

I wear a school uniform/ school tracksuit to school



With every good wish, Jane O'Connell (Principal) & the School Team 😊

St. Philip the Apostle Junior School



HAPPY NEW YEAR



New Year Newsletter 2022

Dear Children and Parents,

We hope that you are well settled into our New Year term. It has been really wonderful to have all our parents back on campus and adds such warmth and atmosphere to our school every morning and afternoon. Thank you to all the children and parents for your ongoing cooperation in relation to our Covid-19 procedures. We also greatly appreciate all families keeping in touch with the school in relation to Covid-19. As Spring approaches we look forward to what the future holds and are hopeful that we will progress through these challenging times for all.



Reminder for Junior Infants Enrolment

St. Philip's J.N.S. invite applications for Junior Infant Classes for **September 2022**. You can do this by downloading our Application Form on the school website www.stphilipsjns.ie We also have forms available at the office. Please contact the office at (01) 8212992 for more information. We look forward to meeting you and your child 😊



Thank You to our Parents' Association 😊

Sincere thanks to our Parents' Association for the wonderful work that they completed during the **Reindeer Food Campaign** in December. The children loved the festivities and our dedicated parents added much Christmas spirit which was celebrated by all the children. In addition, the festive campaign raised **€315** for school resources. Many thanks to all the dedicated parents who led the project, and to you for supporting the campaign.



Enriching our Curriculum: Ballet, Ukulele and GAA

We have a number of activities underway enriching our Music and Physical Education curriculum for each year group this half-term. Our Second Classes are taking part in Ballet lessons every Wednesday with visiting teacher Ms. Claire Connolly. Ukulele lessons are now taking place in our Senior Infant Classes every Monday as part of our Musical Monday tradition. Our Junior Infants and First Classes are taking part in GAA training every Thursday with visiting coach Ms. Amanda Scallan, Games Promotion Officer at St. Peregrine's GAA. We are delighted to offer these wonderful opportunities to all children on a termly basis.



A Warm Thank-You from Mrs. O'Connell 😊

As I prepare to leave St. Philip the Apostle JNS after almost 7 years as principal of the Junior School, and previously over 10 years as a teacher at the Senior School, I wish to take this opportunity to convey to you the absolute privilege it has been to serve the community of Mountview and work with a wonderful team here at school. I will miss the school, children, parents, community and school team greatly while aware of the strong bond and commitment to education and children's wellbeing that we will continue to share. I will expand on my reflections in greater detail next week and look forward to sharing some collective school memories with you over the years.



Mrs. Molloy appointed as New Principal 😊



Mrs. O'Connell passing the baton to Mrs. Molloy this week

I am delighted to tell you that Mrs. Ruth Molloy, our esteemed colleague at St. Philip the Apostle JNS, has been appointed as the new principal and will take up her position on Monday 7th of February. Mrs. Molloy has been a dedicated teacher on our staff for over 11 years and has been a hugely active member of the team leading various projects such as Time to Read, ICT projects and induction and mentoring of newly qualified teachers. Mrs. Molloy has also completed studies and research in school leadership in recent years including a Master in School Leadership and Management and a Postgraduate Diploma in Education and the Law. We warmly congratulate Mrs. Molloy on her appointment and there is no doubt that the future is very bright at St. Philip the Apostle JNS 😊



