

## **Balbriggan Educate Together NS**

### **1 Reminder**

The school is closed tomorrow ( Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>) because of industrial action by the members of the Irish National Teachers Organisation ( INTO). Do not send your children to school. The school reopens at 8.45am on Wednesday.

### **2 Reminder**

The school will be closed on Friday ( 27<sup>th</sup>) for a pre-scheduled Teacher Training Day approved by the Department of Education and Science.

### **3 Swine Flu Vaccination**

The Department of Education and Science have contacted the school and told us that all 5year old to 18year old children will be vaccinated as part of a national programme of vaccinations against Swine Flu. The exact date and other logistical matters are to be communicated to the school by the local HSE office. They have not been in touch with us yet. We will communicate directly with you immediately as soon as they get in touch with us.

### **4 Human Rights Month**

We are now entering the final week of this year's Human Rights Month. The Human Rights concerts last Friday were a great success and indicate a very deep and sophisticated understanding of Children's Rights and Human Rights. Parents can look forward to seeing many of the highlights of these concerts at the annual Winter Concerts on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December ( the day the school breaks up for the annual Winter Holiday).

### **5 School Building**

We are delighted to note that the builders have begun to work on the new school building. They assure us that they will be handing the keys of this building over to us on April 24<sup>th</sup> 2010.

### **6 Sick Notes**

Parents are reminded to ensure to give the teacher a written note ( either in a separate note, or in the Homework Journal) on your child's return to school explaining why he/she was absent. Many thanks for you co-operation in this.

### **7 Wet mornings and Traffic**

Parents are reminded that they must pull into the left hand kerb and insist that the children alight from the car on through the kerbside doors when dropping off the children in the mornings. Under no circumstances must a child be encouraged to get out of the car while the car sits in the middle of the road. Children must walk to the school yard using the footpaths provided and not dart across traffic. Please ensure to do this in the interests of the safety of all children and parents.

### **8 School Website**

Please check out the school's excellent website [www.balbrigganetns.com](http://www.balbrigganetns.com) for updates on all that is happening in the school.