

## **Balbriggan Educate Together**

### **Parent Newsletter Monday April 12<sup>th</sup>**

#### **1 Welcome Back**

Welcome back to all after the Spring Holiday and a busy term lies ahead. Here are just a few of the many events occurring in the school over this term:

- Mid-May: Evaluation by DES School Inspectorate of teaching and learning in the school
- Month of May: 'Children-First Month' focuses on the teaching of Child Protection Programmes ( Stay Safe), Relationships and Sexuality education ( RSE), Anti-Bullying Programmes and educational programmes aimed at enhancing children's self-esteem and happiness
- June 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> : 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Get Active Week ( including Sports day)
- And, hopefully, some day in June we will move into our new permanent building!!!! ( estimated completion date now May 27<sup>th</sup>)
- Induction Day for New Junior Infants: Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1pm-2.30pm
- Eight more weeks of Clubs in the After-School Programme
- Over the month of May we will be requesting and collecting 120euro per child for each child who will be returning to us in September. Please be ready to pay this when requested.

#### **2 Vaccinations for Junior Infants**

The HSE vaccination form MMR for Junior Infant children will take place on Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **3 School Photos**

If you wish to order some photos from the samples distributed before the holiday please ensure to submit your order ( with the correct money, and the order form filled in correctly to your child's class teacher) before 10am this Friday morning. No late orders can be accepted.

#### **4 New chairperson of Board of Management**

Brian Ruane is the school's new Chairperson of the Board of Management. This follows Frank Mongey's resignation as Chairperson after almost five years at the helm. We wish Brian every success, and look forward to congratulating Frank formally on his huge contribution to the development of the school at the official School Opening Ceremony early in the Autumn term.

#### **5 Traffic Management**

Until the permanent school building is completed there is no longer any 'drop-off' or 'set-down' area within the school grounds ( via front-gates). Parents are asked to use either:

- (a) the side road and the pedestrian entrance on the Dunnes Stores side of the school
- or
- (b) to 'drop-off' or 'set down' on a footpath at some distance from the school allowing the children to use the footpath network and Lollipop Lady to walk to school.

We regret any inconvenience caused by this unavoidable scenario. We request that parents/drivers act responsibly at all times with due respect to all other pedestrians and road-users.

#### **6 The Murder of Toyosi Shittabey**

The school community are saddened and outraged at the violent death of Toyosi Shittabey in Dublin 15 this week. Our school's response is detailed on the school website [www.balbrigganetns.com](http://www.balbrigganetns.com) and click on 'Principal's Blog'. Your response and suggestions to this posting would be most welcome.

#### **7 Great News!**

We have just learned that we have been accepted in our application to the Department of Health, Family and Children for free school lunches for the 2011/12 school year!!!!