Pelletstown Welcome to this week's ETNS Newsletter

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School Accommodation

Many thanks to all those who attended our accommodation meeting on 25/02/2020, and for the productive, constructive and solution-focussed suggestions that were made.

All families received an email this week regarding school accommodation. It provided an update from the DES and the school's current action plan. Please read this to familiarise yourself with our current situation.

Corona Virus: COVID-19

The Department of Education has issued the following updated information re: Corona Virus (COVID-19):

- 1. Anyone who has been to an effected region in the last 14 days and is presenting with symptoms should self-isolate and contact their GP by phone. In this case pupils should not attend school.
- 2. Anyone who has been to an effected region in the last 14 days and has **no** symptoms should visit **ww.hse.ie** for advice.
- 3. The most important action we can take to protect ourselves from Covid-19 is regular hand-washing and good respiratory hygiene. Please encourage your child to wash their hands correctly and follow good hygiene practices when coughing or sneezing.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED POSTER WITH FURTHER INFORMATION

GREEN-SCHOOL COMMITTEE WASTE FREE LUNCHES

The Green Schools Committee would like to thank you for your recent feedback. As a result of input from parents, pupils and staff, the Green-School Committee will now be extending Waste Free Wednesdays to Waste Free Lunches every day.

Please see further details in email sent today.

Make sure you follow our Green Schools Twitter Page: @GSpetns



Board of Management

The agreed report from the BOM meeting on 12th February is available to view in the Aareed Report folder in the foyer of the school.

Next BOM Meeting:

25th March 2020

Staffing

Very best wishes to Luiza, who will begin her maternity leave on Friday 28th February. We wish her all the best in the coming weeks and months. Welcome to Lorraine Roycroft, the substitute SNA, who will cover Luiza's leave. As you know, Tommy Buckley has left us to see other exciting parts of the world. We were delighted to welcome James Rudden to the staff this week. James will take Tommy's place on the school's EAL support team, along with Cian and Ríanne.

We very much look forward to working with Lorraine and James until the end of the school year.

Can you help us?

Our ICT Committee would like to ask if any parent might donate an old MacBook that is no longer being used to the school.

We would like to use this to make the syncing of the school iPads easier and more efficient. If you, or anyone you know, has one that is no longer in use, please let us know!

Internet Safety Talk for Parents

Following on from Safer Internet Day this month, the school have organised an Internet Safety Talk for Parents. This will take place at the school on Tuesday 10th March at 7:30pm and will explore general internet safety, screen time, social networking, gaming and how families have a major role in developing values and attitudes in this area.



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