



Assumption Junior School

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Have you been affected by the closure of the door to the Blue Hall?

A number of parents have expressed concern about security and the apparent ease with which people enter and leave the school. With more than 800 children on the premises, we cannot take any risks with their safety. However, there are so many doors in use that it is almost impossible to monitor all comings and goings. We have begun to experiment with better ways of managing the movement of people and we hope to put together a complete plan over the next month or so. This is why some doors are being kept locked.

We also need to reduce significantly the number of people coming in and out of the main door. Would everyone bring their children in through the doors at the playground every morning, please (*i.e. where the children line up*) even when they arrive late. Likewise in the afternoon. Please use the back doors when you are collecting the children.

This is not being done to make things awkward for anyone; the aim is to ensure the children you leave in our care are as safe as possible. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Help on First Communion Day?

Girls from the three 2nd classes will make their First Communion on Saturday 14th May. We are going to revive an old tradition and invite the families to come to the school hall after the ceremonies for refreshments and photographs, if they wish. The Parents Association is helping with this and they need volunteers from among the parents of the Junior Infant Classes. If you are available between 11.30 - 1.30 on Saturday 14th May, please give your name to **Angela Cranmer - 0830067988**.

Trees

Thanks to Dublin City Council we have made a start on replacing the trees that were felled on the boundary with the long mile road last year. We hope to build up an 'avenue' with various species of tree for the children to see, hear, smell and touch. Last week, on **Earth Awareness Day**, we added two mulberry bushes.

Recycling

The usual collection of clothes for recycling will take place next Thursday 28th April. Bags have been distributed, but please do not return them until Thursday morning. They can be left at either gate when you enter the school.

Please note the date: **Thursday 28th April**

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We had a very successful and enjoyable night on Friday 15th. There was great support for the fundraising event in aid of the preschool class. More than €13000 was raised. A very sincere thank you to all who contributed and a special thank you to Deirdre and Sandra for their wonderful work.

It was particularly gratifying to receive a donation of €500 from the boys from 6th class in Drimnagh Castle, most of whom are past pupils.

There are two other events planned as fundraisers for the class; the **Women's Mini Marathon** on the June Bank Holiday and **Hell and Back** in June. Donations can be made online via the school website, www.assumptiunjns.com

Dates for the Diary

- **Clothes Recycling Collection:** Thursday April 28th
- **Mid Term - Primary Schools closed:** Monday 2nd May - Friday 6th May,
- **First Communion (Assumption):** Saturday 14th May
- **Art & Crafts Display:** Thursday May 26th & Friday May 27th
- **June Bank Holiday - Schools closed:** Monday, June 6th
- **Standardised Tests (2nd Classes only)** Tuesday, May 31st & Thursday, June 2nd
- **International Day (to be confirmed):** Friday June 3rd
- **Sports Day (weather permitting)** Thursday 9th & Friday 10th June
- **Graduation 2nd classes:** Tuesday 28th June
- **Graduation 1st class boys:** Wednesday 29th June
- **Summer Holidays begin:** Thursday 30th June. Schools close at 12 noon.