

## School Accommodation

All families received an email during the week regarding school accommodation – Please read carefully. As you know an “Accommodation Working Group” was being established by the Board of Management and the Parent Teacher Association. The group will meet on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October to discuss a plan of action regarding the accommodation situation and will be in touch with the wider parent body about this. We will be looking for your support in carrying out some of the actions in the action plan in order to advance the commencement of work on our permanent building, as well as ensuring that there will be adequate accommodation for our school in the interim.

## Choir – Peace Proms

This week 3<sup>rd</sup> class started choir in preparation for their Peace Proms performance. They will have a workshop in November and will perform in the RDS in February with a full symphony orchestra. Listen out for their lovely singing when you're visiting our school! Tickets will be available for the concert on [www.peaceproms.com](http://www.peaceproms.com)

## WASTE-FREE WEDNESDAY

Following on from our single-use plastic-free Friday, we will be introducing **Waste-Free Wednesdays from 9<sup>th</sup> October**. This means that on Wednesdays, we are asking pupils to bring lunches to school that have no waste (with the exception of compostable waste). All other waste from lunches will be sent back home with pupils, including wrappers etc. This initiative is to link in with our school's application for the Green Flag Programme, and also ties in with the Ethics and the Environment strand of our Learn Together Programme.



## Class Meetings

We were delighted to welcome all of our parents/carers to our annual class meetings, the last of which took place this week. If you would like a copy of the slides from your child's class meeting, please contact Maeve who will forward this to you upon request.

## Board of Management

The agreed report from the BOM meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September is available to view in the Agreed Report folder in the foyer of the school.

### Next BOM Meeting:

17<sup>th</sup> October 2019

The Term of Office for our current Board of Management will end on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Elections will take place in November for parent nominees and you will receive an email about this in the coming weeks.

## Parent Teacher Association

Reminder that the PTA AGM will take place on **16<sup>th</sup> October** and elections for a new PTA committee will take place that evening. We look forward to seeing you then!

## Attendance and Infectious Diseases

The Education Welfare Officer (EWO) spoke at a number of class meetings about the importance of attendance at school. If your child is absent from school, please inform the school office or your child's class teacher about the reason for the absence. We ask all families not to take holidays during term.

Please see the image below about when your child should return to school following an illness. Please continue to be vigilant in checking (and where relevant, treating) your child's hair for headlice.

### WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL/ CHILDCARE?

<b>Chicken Pox</b> When scabs are dry	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay out*	<b>Diarrhoea or Vomiting</b> 48 hours after the last episode	<b>Flu</b> 5 days after start of illness	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay out*
<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay out*	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay out*	<b>Impetigo</b> When scabs are dry or 24 hours after starting antibiotics	<b>Measles</b> 4 days after rash appears	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days after swelling appears
<b>Scabies</b> After first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after starting antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay out*	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay out*	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 5 days after starting antibiotics or 21 days after start of illness

This information is based on the Management of Infectious Diseases in Schools guidance document.

\*No need to stay out if child is well but school or childcare provider should be informed.