

Shellybanks ETNS Bulletin 1st October 2018

	Item	Update	Support
1	Building	We are hopeful that the fire cert will be issued by next week. All documents have been lodged with DCC. Thank you for your patience in relation to this.	
2	Voluntary Contribution	Each year we provide parents with the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to help towards some of the costs surrounding our developing school (such as IT equipment, curriculum resources - such as literacy, maths and PE resources). We would like to sincerely thank all families who have made a contribution to the school over the past year. Today the children will receive an envelope in their homework folder with more information about the voluntary contribution and how parents can donate if they wish. The document is also attached here . Please contact the office if you have any questions	info@shellybanksetns.ie
3	Interactive Boards in the classroom	Children in all classes have access to an interactive whiteboard. Short educational videos are used, on occasion, if it supports the lesson being taught eg science or history videos. On occasion the older children watch 'News2day'. This is an RTE news programme which keeps children up to date on current affairs. This is often used as the stimulus for Learn Together or English lessons. We also utilise online resources for teaching wellbeing and relaxation strategies. However, children do not watch 'tv programmes' during teaching time. At break time, if it is raining and the children cannot go to the yard, the teachers may put on educational videos eg. number songs, alphabet videos, number jacks etc. This is limited to wet days.	

4	Line	<p>As many children are using the stairs to get up to their rooms, can we ask that children do not have anything in their hands when they line up in the morning. eg. Place coats and hats on the children or lunch bags etc in their school bags. This will ensure the children get up the stairs safely and relatively quickly. Thank you for your help with this!</p>	
5	After-school clubs	<p>Here is some information for new families to our school about the after school clubs offered in Shellybanks. These clubs, which run for one hour after school, started last year. There was a big demand from parents that children would have the opportunity to engage in afterschool activities on site. Due to restrictions with the lease of our building, we are not allowed to have outside companies run clubs in the school building. When we spoke with the staff, they were happy to offer a range of clubs. These clubs are ran at the discretion of the teacher. We see the clubs as a very positive element of school life. They offer children the opportunity to develop a new skill, make new friendships and develop their social skills. We try to provide a variety of clubs to cater for the different ages and interests of the children. We have taken feedback from parents over the last two years and changed the running of the clubs accordingly. They are quite popular with parents who need an extra hour before collecting their children. Finally, they also provided staff with the opportunity to earn a little extra income. More information regarding the clubs will be available in the next term.</p>	
6	Communicating with the school	<p>Please see attached the link to the 'Parent point of Contact'. This may be useful for parents who are unsure about who to contact when different things come up. Also, please see the link to our school communication policy.</p>	

7	Parent Room	The parent room is available between 1.30-2.25. Please ensure all children are supervised in the parent room as the corridors are used by staff and lessons are still taking place.	
8	Sam Maguire	The children enjoyed a fantastic visit from the Sam Maguire Cup on Monday! Thanks to Ciarán, from Clanna Gael who organised this. Take a look at the class photos in the school window!	
9	Hockey	Hockey will take place on Wednesdays for Senior infants to third class.	
10	Assembly	Ciara's 3rd class will be leading assembly on Friday. Parents are more than welcome to attend.	.
11	HSE Updates:	Junior Infants will receive consent forms for their vaccinations next week. These need to be returned to school. Vaccinations will happen later in the year. Children in 2nd class will be called for dental check-ups later in the year.	
12	Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine	<i>Féach ar sin! - Look at that!</i> <i>Fay-uck air shin</i>	Awards
13	Student of the Week	This week the target is "We forgive others".	Awards