



Redeemer Boys' N.S.

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October 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I would like to bring the following items to your attention this month.

Halloween Celebrations

We will have our usual Halloween dress-up day on Thursday 23rd October as we are closed on Friday 24th (school is a polling station for the Presidential Election).

Boys can wear their scary costumes into school!!!! The Parents' Associations have organised a Spooky Session in the hall for each class across the day.

****The boys may bring in 2 small treats tomorrow for parties within the classes.**

Please DO NOT SEND in any drinks OR share size bags of sweets or crisps.**



Parent/Teacher Meetings

The school will be closing at 1.40 pm on Tuesday 11th November for all classes to facilitate parent/teacher meetings. Appointment slots for the various classes will be released on Aladdin when we reopen after the Halloween Break. (Some parents may receive timeslots on Monday 10th or Wednesday 12th November at the discretion of the class teacher)

Holy Redeemer Sacrament Dates for Second and Sixth Class

First Holy Communion will take place on **Friday 24th April at 11.00 a.m.**

Confirmation will take place on **Saturday 16th May at 11.00am.**

Dundalk F.C. Visit

Following their recent First Division success, representatives from Dundalk F.C. will visit the school on Tuesday 4th November when we reopen. They will have the trophy with them and hope to inspire the next generation of Dundalk supporters! The boys can wear black and white colours on this day.



School Lunches

As per previous letter sent home, Fresh Today have upgraded their App and parents need to register again for the App with the unique **activation code** contained within the letter. You need to make the food choices for your son again or he will have a default option after the Halloween break.

Please Note: If you choose to send in lunch with your son you must follow the nutrition standards that our lunch provider adheres to and send only healthy food (chocolate products, high sugar/salt products are NOT allowed). A small treat may be sent in for small break each Friday if your son has opted out of the school lunch scheme.

Water is the only drink that is permitted in our school and is available in each class from a water cooler. Class teachers will speak to the boys about what is suitable at little/big break (if not taking school lunches) and will monitor what is eaten.

Important Notice – Nut-Free Policy & Birthday Treats

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the health and safety of all our pupils, we would like to remind families that **our school is a nut-free environment**. This means that **no products containing nuts or traces of nuts** should be brought to school under any circumstances, including in packed lunches, snacks, or treats.

In addition, **we will no longer be allowing cakes, cupcakes, or other food items to be brought in for birthday celebrations**. While we understand this has been a long-standing tradition, we must prioritise pupil and staff safety, particularly for those with severe allergies. We appreciate your support and cooperation in keeping our school a safe and inclusive space for all children and staff.

Request for Birth Certificates on File

We kindly ask that you ensure we have a copy of your child's birth certificate on file. If you have not yet submitted one, please provide a copy to the school office at your earliest convenience. Legally we must hold a copy of your son's birth certificate on file. If you are unsure, please contact the school office and we will check to see if we have a copy on file. In November, we will contact parents directly if we do not have a birth certificate on file for your son.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS: EARLY PICKUP OF STUDENTS

We would like to remind all families of the importance of minimizing interruptions to your son's learning by **avoiding early pickup from school unless absolutely necessary.**

Learning time is critical, and every minute of the school day counts. Frequent or unnecessary early pickups **disrupt classroom instruction**, not only for the child being collected but also for his peers and teachers. Therefore, we strongly request your cooperation on the following:

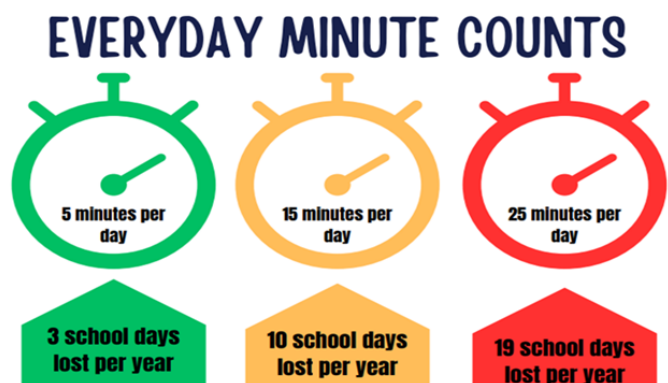
- **Appointments Outside School Hours:** Parents are **strongly encouraged** to schedule **medical, dental, or personal appointments outside of school hours** whenever possible. We understand that emergencies may arise; however, regular early departures should be avoided. (Please ensure that the appointment letter is copied and on file in the school office if it has not been possible to make an appointment outside of school hours)
- **Advance Notification Required:** If an early pickup is unavoidable, please notify the school **by 10:00am** on the day in question. Advance notice allows us to prepare your child and minimize disruption.
- **Cut-off Time for Early Pickup:** Early pickups should be completed **no later than 2:00 PM for First to Sixth Class**. After this time, the school will not release students early, except in **genuine emergencies**.
- **Sign-Out:** All pupils leaving early must be signed out at the front office by a **parent or authorised adult**. Pupils will only be released to individuals listed on the pupil's emergency contact form. If someone not listed needs to collect your child, written authorisation must be provided ahead of time.

N.B. A pupil will NOT be allowed to leave school early and walk/cycle home. A handover to an appropriate adult is necessary at all times.

N.B. The Parents' Room is available for parents to wait between the 1.40 and 2.40pm pick-ups.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us protect the integrity of our instructional time. Let's work together to ensure your son and his classmates receive the full benefit of each school day.

"Miss School = Miss Out"



Thank you for your continued support,

M.Murray
Principal