

Powerstown Educate Together National School, Newsletter 1st September 2018

Birch Class, Holly & Hawthorn Class – TRANSPORT

We are still waiting for details from Bus Éireann as to when some children's names will be added to the school bus route. We continue to contact Bus Éireann and the Department of Education Transport Unit daily to try and get the bus operational as a matter of urgency. In the interim, the Department of [more »](#)



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Children lining up independently

Thank you to all our parents/guardians and minders who have encouraged children to line up independently in the mornings. With a pupil population of over 300 pupils, the health and safety of the children in our priority. In order for us to safely and adequately supervise children in yard, we continue to ask parents to not [more »](#)



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S.P.H.E.: September 2018 Update

SPHE – two things to note for September “Healthy Habits of Mind” Month “Accepting myself, Taking Risks, Giving Effort, Setting Goals and Thinking First”- are the Healthy Habits- these are what we want to promote- maybe choose one to start with! The Healthy Habits are displayed under our curved stairs- might be a good teaching [more »](#)

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Parent Room – Juniper Room

Our Parents' Room is now located in the Juniper Room. This is the first classroom on the right, after you walk past the mural at the top of the Yellow Stairs. Parents are encouraged to use the Parents' Room during the school day. Parents must sign into the “Parents' Room Book” in the office, for [more »](#)



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Health, Safety and Welfare of our pupils is our priority

The Health, Safety and Welfare of our pupils is our priority at all times. Staff strictly adhere to school policy. 1. Children can only be released to known, responsible ADULTS, listed on "permission to collect my child" form. (Sent home on 29/8/2018) 2. Only children from 3rd – 6th class are permitted to walk [more »](#)



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No public restrooms in school

Unfortunately, the Department of Education did not build any public restrooms in the school. Children's toilets are located in their classrooms. Due to health and safety and fire regulations, we cannot permit parents/guardians continuous access to the school to use the toilets. The school office is very busy, and it is very difficult for staff [more »](#)



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Early Collections

If you need to collect your child early from school, please notify the class teacher and/or office in advance so your child will be ready for collection. You can phone the office on (01) 8272018 or email info@powerstownet.com. Please note that it is not possible for your child to be collected between 1pm – 1.10pm (Junior [more »](#)



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Only E-Payments Accepted

For security reasons we are asking ALL parents/guardians to pay school fees securely via Aladdin e-payments. This is accessible via the school app and your email. Payments can be made in installments using e-payments. The ePayment system will give you access from the app OR an internet browser on your computer, phone or tablet to [more »](#)



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Informing school of your child's absence

Please email your child's class teacher directly if your child is absent. Roll call is at 9am. If reason for absence is not emailed to class teacher before 9am,



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you will receive a text message informing you that your child is out. You can also give reason for absence through the school app.

Request for letters from the school

Throughout the year you may require a letter from the school e.g. attendance, social welfare, passport application etc. Please email Ann your request (info@powerstownet.com), phone 01 8272018 or drop into the office. Please allow at least one working day for letters. Ann will ensure letters requested are given to your child's class teacher to send [more »](#)



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Parent/Guardian contact information:

It is important that the school has up-to-date contact information for all parents/guardians. Please inform the school of any changes to phone numbers, email addresses and/or house addresses.



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School Office Opening Hours

The School Office Opening hours are: Monday – Thursday: 8.20am – 3pm
Friday: 8.20am – 2.30pm Office is closed for lunch from 11.50am – 12.10pm

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Junior Infant Induction Times September 2018

As part of the Junior Infants Induction Programme into Primary School, we vary the times that the Junior Infants children attend for the first 3 weeks. This allows your child to become more comfortable and confident in the primary school setting. Please see the details below: Wednesday 29th August – Friday 31st August 2018: School [more »](#)

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Aladdin App – Parent & School Communication

As you are aware the school uses the "Aladdin Connect – APP" to communicate with parents. ALL parents/guardians are asked to download the Aladdin Connect App in Google or Apple stores. Aladdin Connect provides the Powerstown ETNS community with a comprehensive

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communication platform including the following features: Parent Portal – allows school to securely share student [more »](#)

School Calendar 2018 – 2019

Please find below our school calendar for the 2018-2019 school year for your attention. All days marked in red are SCHOOL CLOSURES.

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Traffic Management

Just a quick reminder about the school's Traffic Management Plan. The area in front of PETNS is DROP OFF ONLY in the mornings. Parents must release children to a staff member supervising in the Drop Off Area who will ensure they are safely supervised as they make their way to morning assembly. If you wish to walk [more »](#)

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Learn Together – September Update

Monthly Themes: Themes: Healthy Habits of Mind; School Elections Strands: Moral and Spiritual; Equality and Justice Strand Units: Cultivating spiritual growth; Exploring the democratic process Rotas: Notice Board: We have two L.T. noticeboards (that should be labelled as such!). Senior Classes (Kamilah, Alder, Beech, Redwood, Rowan, Lime, Hazel & Birch) will display work upstairs. Junior (Willow, Rose, Sycamore, Oak, [more »](#)



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