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Newsletter - September 2019

Welcome back to another school year. I look forward to another great year working with you all. The children have all come back looking lovely and in great spirits. Thank-you for your continued support.

All information such as holidays, dinners etc is available on the school web-site under Parents then go to Parent Information.

Nut Allergy: We have a child with a nut allergy in the school therefore we would ask parents not to send nuts or any nut-containing products into the school with children for snack or lunch. Thanks. There is a nut free food list available on the school web-site.

School closings this term.

The school will be closed on Monday 30th September for staff training. The school will be closed on 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st October and Friday 1st November for the Halloween Break.



A warm welcome to all our new Year One pupils who are starting with us this week: Caoimhe, Casper, Theo, Rian, Dara, Harvey, Darcy, Joel, Grace, Maddie, Patrick, Grace Mc, Fionn, Jesse, Casey, Charlie, Jack, Katie, Ella, Kaylee, Luke, Erin, Georgia and Liam.

Just a few reminders:

1. Morning Arrangements:

School starts at 9.10 a.m.

The waiting room will operate from 8.30 a.m as normal. All children in school before 9 a.m must go to the waiting room where they will be supervised until 9 a.m. They will then go to their classes and leave in their bags and can go out to play until 9.10 a.m. All children should be encouraged to come into the school themselves so as to aid independence. Parents should not be in the playground after 9 a.m.

2. Home-time Arrangements:

Year One children will go home as arranged for the next few weeks.

Year Two children will go home at 2.15 p.m and can be collected from the side of the school as last year.

Year Three-Seven will go home at 3.15 p.m. Children travelling home by car can be collected from the playground when the weather is fair and from the dining hall in poor weather. We would ask that parents wait at the gate for their children in the interests of Child Protection. Teachers will then send children out to you. It is really important that the school knows who has permission to collect your child from the school.

3. Dinner

Dinners will cost £2.60 per day from 2nd September. Dinner money must be paid at the beginning of the school week in line with EA Western Policy. All families will receive a meal menu and please feel free to choose whichever days suit your children. Please place dinner money in an envelope with your child's name and class on it outlining the days on which dinner will be taken. Children are very welcome to bring their own healthy packed lunch with them to school also. If you are entitled to free school meals you must re-apply every year. We have forms here at the school if you need one just let us know and we'll send it home with your child.

Thanks very much for your co-operation.

4. Snack

Children should bring a healthy snack to school for break.

5. Water

Children should bring a bottle of water to school each day, to drink throughout the day. A sport type lid is advisable.

6. Data Collection

Every child will receive a data collection form. Please check the information on the form and make any changes which are necessary, sign and return to school. Thanks.

7. Uniform

The children all look so lovely and smart in their uniforms. Please put your child's name on all items of clothing so that they can be returned to them if lost. It is impossible to reunite owners with uniform pieces if they aren't labelled. Thanks.

8. Attendance

Children must attend school every day unless they are ill. Please let us know why your child is off school either via a telephone call or a note to the teacher. This is important for DENI records. Do please try to keep medical and dental appointments outside of school hours where possible. Thanks.

9. Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher meetings will be held the week beginning 21st October for Years 1-6. (Year 7 will have a separate arrangement). Should you wish to talk to your child's teacher about anything before that please don't hesitate to contact the school and make an appointment to talk to your child's teacher

P.E days and times are being finalised and those will be with you in a few days.

Attached is a school holiday list and a dinner menu.

Child Protection

All of our policy documents are available on our school website. Our Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Ingram and our Deputy Designated teacher is Mrs Devine. If you have a concern or worry about your own or indeed any child, please come and talk to us.

Dates for your diary

Every class will be doing a class assembly this year. We would love to see you there. These are the dates so you know in advance. Assemblies will be held at 10.00 a.m. in the Millennium Hall.

P.3-Friday 27th September

P.1-Friday 25th October

P.7 Friday 29th November

P4/5 Friday 14th February

P5/6 Friday 13th March

P.2 Thursday 7th May

After-School activities

After-school Gaelic:

Mrs McDermott will be taking after-school Gaelic on Thursday afternoons starting Thursday 12th September for Year 5-7 from 3.15-4.00 p.m.

After-Schools Multi Skills/Soccer

4 Corner Coaching will be coming to the school to take multi skills for years 1 and 2 on Mondays from 2.15-3.15 and soccer for years 3-7 from 3.15 -4.15 p.m. If you would like your child to go please fill in the form attached and return to the school. There is a cost of £25 for 10 weeks payable to 4 Corners Coaching.

Milk

Milk is optional and is paid for, over two instalments £18.50 from now until February. If you wish your child to take school milk, please fill in the form at the end of the newsletter

I would like my child:_____ to take school milk. From now until February.

I have enclosed £18.50:

Parent/Guardian:_____

Waiting Room

Please let us know if you wish your child to use the waiting room in the mornings, as we need to know for staff numbers. The cost will be 50p per child per day. Thanks.

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I would like my child/ren_____ to use the waiting room in the mornings.

Signed:_____Parent/Guardian