

September 2015 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As we commence the new school year here are some reminders for your attention.

SAFE PARKING



Parking in front of the school in the morning and afternoon continues to be a matter of concern. It is very difficult for parents and children to use the pedestrian crossing safely due to careless parking.

PLEASE DO NOT DOUBLE PARK ON OR NEAR THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING because you are obstructing the view. Small children cannot be seen behind parked cars and cannot see cars coming either.

The bus bay signs have been newly painted by the Co. Council at our request. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS BAYS EITHER.** Children need to get on and off the bus safely. A little extra care and consideration will help keep our children safe.

SUPERVISION REMINDER

The school opens at 9.20am each morning for class. No pupils should arrive later than 9.20. Class will end each day at 2pm for Junior and Senior Infants and at 3pm for all other pupils. The school cannot accept responsibility for supervising children before 9.20 am or after 3pm.

A number of children are dropped off at the school well before 9.20am, some as early as 8.45am. The Board of Management or staff do not accept responsibility for the supervision of these children before 9.20am, neither is the staff obliged to take responsibility for children outside the school at the end of the school day. It is the responsibility of the parent / guardian who brings a child by car, to personally see the child safely inside the school gates. Parents who feel that their children may need to be escorted to cars or buses should make arrangements to ensure that some escort is provided. Your cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.



Healthy Lunches

Thank you for your support with our Healthy Lunch Policy. The children enjoy their treat on Friday but try to keep it a **small** one. In line with our Green School Policy we ask the children to bring all packaging and leftovers home and to use a clearly labelled lunch box.

We strongly recommend water as the healthiest option for your child's drink.



Lost Property: Please mark all of your child's clothes and belongings with their name.

Text-a-Parent This year we will continue to use our Text-a-Parent service to inform you of special events, match fixtures, unexpected closures etc. Please ensure that any changes to your mobile numbers are notified to Nuala in the office.



An Ghníomhaireacht um
Leanaí agus an Teaghlach
Child and Family Agency

Tusla (The Child Welfare Agency)

As you know we are bound by law to report absences totalling 20 days or more to Tusla. It is important that you inform the class teacher in writing of any absences and the reason why. A note in the pupil's Homework Diary is sufficient. Also please let us know in advance if your child will be arriving late. Otherwise, due to the new electronic roll system, your child will be marked absent for that day. If you are collecting children early, please call to the classroom for them and inform the teacher they are leaving.

Website

We hope you will log on to our website regularly to keep in touch with your child's activities. We try to keep it updated with news, photographs, videos, art work etc. that the children would love you to see.



Birthdays

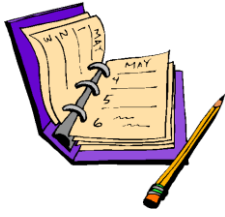
We would like to remind you that birthday party invitations are not to be given out at school. It has caused considerable problems in the past. It can be very upsetting for children who don't receive an invitation and don't understand why. Thank you for your cooperation.



Homework Policy

Our school's Homework Policy is available to read in the policy section of the website. Please take the time to read through it and make an appointment with the class teacher if you have any concerns.

Sport The boys and girls Gaelic football leagues are in full swing at the moment with some matches already played by both panels. Many thanks to the teachers who volunteer their time, training and attending matches and without whom these activities could not take place.



Dates for your diary:

Beginning of the school year mass – Wednesday, September 30th at 1pm.

Mid-term break – Monday, October 26th to Friday, October 30th

Parent-Teacher Meetings – Wednesday, November 25th and Thursday, November 26th from 3.15pm to 6 pm