

## September 2016 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 is an ongoing 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. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS BAYS EITHER.** Children need to get on and off the bus safely. By parking a short distance away and walking your children to the gate, or allowing older pupils to do so themselves, traffic congestion will be relieved and our children will be safer.

### **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.

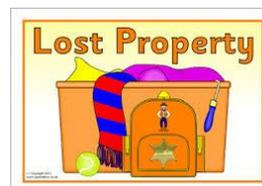
A number of children are dropped off at the school well before 9.20am, some as early as 8.45am. The Board of Management or staff does not accept responsibility for the supervision of these children before 9.20am, neither is the staff obliged to take responsibility for children outside the school at the 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.



### **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 – Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

Mid-term break – Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> to Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

Parent-Teacher Meetings – Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 3.15pm to 6 pm

### **FUNDRAISER**



#### **NO UNIFORM DAY!**

**On Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have a No Uniform Day when children can wear their own clothes. This is in aid of St. John's Oncology Ward in Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin, where donations from the public are vital to improve facilities and fund much needed research into better treatment methods. St. John's Ward is the main cancer ward for children in Ireland. Last year alone the ward dealt with 1,440 inpatients and over 7,200 day patients. A pupil of ours was one of those patients and we would like to play our part in helping improve the lives of sick children. This is an extremely worthy cause and all donations on the day are most welcome.**