



### Family Note 1 (29<sup>th</sup> August 2024)



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I would like to welcome you and the pupils back to school after the summer break. I hope that you are all settling back into the school routine again and are looking forward to the year ahead. Our school building is looking nice and refreshed after the summer following a new paint-job! **Míle buíochas** to a number of parents who were so generous with their time and expertise recently, constructing a concrete base in preparation for delivery of a new storage shed on the upper yard in the coming weeks. Your help is much appreciated!

Below are some additional points of information for you as we commence the new school year:

#### **Staffing:**

We welcome back Ms Maura Amy O Connor as class teacher and also Ms Alison Cronin (SET) in place of Ms Mairéad Fogarty for the first half-term. We welcome Ms Karen Parker as part of our SET team also for the beginning of term 1. We wish Ms Áine O Shea and Ms Kyna O Sullivan well as they continue their leave of absence for the coming school year.

#### **☺ Junior Infants 2024 ☺**

We extend a warm welcome to our 8 new Junior Infants pupils:

*Conlaoch, Páidí, Tyler, Rachel, Elsie Mae, Grace, Killian and Louisa*

You have all settled in extremely well already! We wish you every success and happiness during your time here in our school.

#### ***Parking and Road Safety:***

School drop-off and collections are extremely busy traffic times daily and we need to be ever-vigilant of the risks on the road in front of the school. I acknowledge the lack/shortage of parking space for all however I would like to ask you to please note the following:

- The yellow box at the school entrance **must** be kept clear at all times – this is **not** a drop off or 'set down' area.
- Parking is only permitted along by the wall *across* from the school itself and only at one side of the roadside beyond the school at the Headford *school side*.
- Please **do not** park on the yellow lines.
- Please **do not** block the 'farm entrance' across from school for a prolonged period of time. This area may be used for temporary parking at drop off and pickup times.
- We have a number of pupils who walk or cycle home so please be vigilant of these pupils on the road.

Your cooperation is much appreciated.

#### **Charges/ Fees:**

**School charges** as per booklist (€50 per child) are now due and can be paid via the Aladdin App as an epayment. This payment will be receipted through the app. Should you wish to pay cash, please send the fee in an envelope with your child's name to the school office. Thank you.

We are delighted to provide text books, workbooks and copies as part of the **Free Book Scheme** again this year. Please ensure that adequate care is taken of these resources at home and parents are welcome to cover workbooks if deemed necessary.

### **Home-School Communication:**

We continue to use our **Aladdin Connect App** to send Family Notes, reminders and permissions to all families. Should your child be absent from school or if there is an early collection or late drop off, this can be noted by parents on the app. You may also like to use the app to send a message to your child's class teacher directly instead of a written note. Do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any difficulty with using the App. **Please ensure that your notifications are switched to ON for the Aladdin App.**



Should you wish to speak to or meet with your child's teacher please arrange an appointment by making contact with them via Aladdin message or by phoning the school office at **064-7754038**.

### **After School Fun Club & Homework Club:**

After School Fun Club (1:40-2:40pm) has commenced for Senior Infants. Junior Infants are welcome to attend from Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact Marguerite on the number below with any queries.

Homework Club (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Classes) will recommence on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September. This will run from Monday – Friday inclusive. A booking form and further information will be given to pupils today.

Thanking you for your support as we ease ourselves into term 1 of our new school year,

Lucy O Sullivan (Principal)

#### **Useful contact information:**

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**After School Fun Club (Infants):** 087-2839483