



# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mr Traynor

Welcome back everyone. It's great to see you all safe and sound. I hope you all enjoyed the summer break and are refreshed and renewed and ready to enjoy another year in Scoil Nano Nagle.

Everyone has been great since we started back and I would particularly like to commend our new Junior Infants who walk into their classrooms so independently and confidently every morning. Well done to the parents/guardians who have prepared the children so well to so self-confident.

The staff and I look forward to working with you all in the forthcoming year.



## Healthy Eating

Food Dudes Programmes starts next week in the school. Children will be tasting fruits and vegetables for September. We also have a healthy lunch policy in the school and we are asking the children to take only water or milk as a drink during school time. This is to encourage healthy eating habits. We can all succeed in this if we work together.

Similarly we ask the children to eat the lunch they have ordered and not to bring in biscuits or bars. That would be unfair to the other children who are trying to make healthy changes

## Lunch Forms



Early Start & Junior Infant children have been given their new order forms for school lunches-**the last day for the forms is this Friday 8th September**. As they are in for a short day until the end of the month they are currently getting a small snack. For any **changes of lunch** please wait until next week as parents will be given a code to change the children's lunches themselves. For any queries talk to Ms Neary

## Book Payments

Book payments can be made from 9:00-10:00 in the hall until Friday. Thank you all those who have paid their book bills so promptly. There is a grant available for anyone who needs it. If you have a medical card you can claim the grant and that can go towards the expense of the books.

If you have a particular difficulty you can pay in instalments. Just get in contact with Mr Traynor or Ms Neary. No child can be given books until arrangements are made with the school.

## Back to School Reminders



**Uniforms:** Please ensure all jackets/jumpers/cardigans are labelled with your child's name to avoid mix-ups during the year!

**Punctuality:** 'Start as you mean to go on'-bringing your child to school on time is so important-ensuring your child is lined up with the class outside means they are ready to start on time with their classmates.

**Attendance:** Please inform the school if you know in advance your child won't be in. Just a reminder that any calls/messages concerning attendance should be directed to the mobile number at the top of the newsletter ☎: **087 1755308** **not** the school number. If there is no answer please leave a message. We thank you for your co-operation.

**Early Collections:** Please try to organise appointments after school hours if possible. It is important that your child remains at school until the official school day ends as he/she is missing out on valuable curriculum time & this impinges on their learning & overall success. children. We would ask for your co-operation in this matter.



## Updated Contact Details

Please make Peggy (secretary) aware of any change of telephone number/address by filling out the yellow form available from Peggy at reception. This can be done at any stage during the year. It is very important that the school has correct contact details.

## Early Start Times



	<b>Morning Group</b>	<b>Afternoon Group</b>
Sept 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	9:10-10:30	12:10-1:30
Sept 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	9:10-11:00	12:10-2:00
Sept 18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00-11:30	12:00-2:30
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-11:30	12:00-2:30

## Junior Infant Times

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Sept 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	9:10-12:00
Sept 18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00-1:40
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-1:40



## After School Childcare

There is a new privately run childcare facility on the school site. This facility is not run by the school and is completely independent. The school bears no responsibility for its operation.

*Please see sheet attached for more details.*

## Pupil Insurance

You can still pay for insurance until **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September** by going to Ms Neary. This covers any out of pocket expenses arising from an injury that a child might have whether in or out of school. The medical card will not cover the expenses involved if your child damages their teeth nor if they have a serious accident involving a loss of limbs. The cost is €5.60 for 24-hour cover.



## Home School Partnerships

*Dear parents/guardians,  
My name is Ms Neary, I am the Home School Liaison coordinator and my office is beside reception. We will have adult classes & invitations for you to be involved in your child's class etc during the year. I look forward to getting to know all our new families this year. We hope your child will be very happy in the school.*

**Would you like to help out at school for short periods of time? Any free time you can give is greatly appreciated.**

There are so many things going on during the year and some of them might interest you:

**Gardening:** in the school garden

**Creative Skills:** Making costumes, resources, art, knitting, sewing, painting, interior design skills!

**Fitness/Health:** help out during Active School events & walks

**Websites-**Check out websites/apps that might be helpful to parents,

**Cooking/Baking** with your child's class

**DIY:** making things for the classroom

**Classroom Activities:** Maths in the Classroom, Bedtime Reading, Paired Reading-helping children to get extra reading practice

**Events:** There are yearly events for e.g. Cake Sales, Intercultural Week, Grandparents Day, Uniform sales etc where parental involvement is always appreciated.

## Parents' Association A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Parents' Association will take place at the end of the month-the date is to be decided. Any parent, guardian or carer of a child in our school is a member of the association and is entitled to come to the meeting. This is the time of the year we elect our new committee & even if you are not interested in being on the committee you might like to be involved in other ways (see list above).

## Entering school on rainy days



We will no longer use the hall on rainy days. The children will instead line up outside their classrooms. There will be no need for parents or guardians to stay with them on the corridor as the teacher on duty will be able to supervise them and the corridors are too small to accommodate parents and children at the same time.

There are two reasons for this change. Firstly, the hall is not always available and secondly there is the issue of children coming late to school and getting lost or confused because they cannot find their class.

Anyone can get delayed and it is always a case of better late than never!

The children rely on the adults to get them to school on time and I am appealing to everyone to make the extra effort to get the children to school on time.

## Parking



Our neighbours in Ashwood have been in touch to say that motorists dropping off children to the school are blocking drive ways with their cars. This results in residents not being able to get out with their own cars to go about their business.