

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Mr. Traynor

Dear Parents and Guardians.

I wish on behalf of myself, the staff and the Board of Management to welcome all the children who are starting in our school for the first time as well as those who are returning from last year.

I hope that all the children will have a happy and fulfilled time and will make lots of new friends.

Funding has been provided to replace the heaters in the prefabs. Modern, more efficient heaters will replace the outdated ones that are there at present. We are promised that the work will be carried out over the next number of weeks.

Tom Traynor

Acting Principal

Early Start Times:

	Morning: a.m	Afternoon:p.m
September 3-7	9.10 -10.30	12.10 - 1.30
Sept. 10-14	9.10-11.00	12.10 - 2.00
Sept. 17-21	9.00 - 11.30	12.00-2.30
Sept. 24-28	9.00 - 11.30	12.00-2.30

Junior Infant Times:

September 3-7	9.00 - 11.30
September 10-14	9.00 - 12.00
September 17-21	9.00 - 1.40 (full day)

Message from Home School Teacher

Dear parents/guardians,

My name is Ms Colette Mac Mahon. I am the new Home School Liaison co-ordinator and my office is beside Mr. Traynor's office. I would like to thank Ms Deirdre Neary for her tremendous work and dedication as Home School Teacher for the past five and a half years and wish her all the best. I look forward to getting to know you all throughout the year. We hope your child will be very happy in the school.

We will have adult classes beginning shortly. You are also invited to get involved in your child's class activities during the year.

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, art, knitting, sewing, painting, 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 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.



Book payments can be made from 9:00-10:00 in the hall until Friday. Thank you to 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 Mac Mahon. No child can be given books until arrangements are made with the school.



Lunch Forms

Early Start & Junior Infant children are on a shorter day until Monday September 17. They will continue to receive a snack until they are in school for a full day. For any queries talk to Ms Mac Mahon

Pupil Insurance

You can still pay for insurance until Friday 7th September in the P.E. hall. 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 $\notin 5.60$ for 24-hour cover. Thanks to the members of the Parents' Association for your help each morning.



After School Childcare

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

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, if 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 **2:087** 1755308 and 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 and this impinges on their learning and overall success. 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.