



Dear Parents/Carers,

11 September 2023

We have enjoyed a brilliant start to the new school year! Our fantastic pupils are all working really hard and the staff are just so proud of them.

Here are a few notices that I have also put on the school website:

Ulster GAA & Healthy Kidz

I am delighted that Ulster GAA will come to school every Thursday, beginning this week, to work with all pupils. Additionally, Healthy Kidz will return on Friday to work with all classes too. External coaching is loved by the children, so we are very happy to be able to offer this again. Remember to wear your PE gear on these days.

After School Club (only on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday)

After-School Club started this week (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday only) at a cost of £2.50 per day. We are doing our best to secure staffing for the other 2 days, but it will be only 3 days until further notice. Please book and pay in advance each Friday for the following week.

Homework

Homework begins this week. Homework is an important part of the learning process, however, we understand how busy homes can be.

We recommend the following times for homework completion and would ask that children do not spend much longer completing their set tasks:

- P1/2 children should spend around 15 minutes;
- P3 children should spend around 20 minutes;
- P4/5 children should spend around 30 minutes;
- P6/7 children should spend around 45 minutes.



Dinner Money/Other Payments

Please only send money in on **Fridays**. The dinner menu is on our school website.



Communication

School is a busy place, so we ask that you contact the school via email in the first instance to leave a message for the relevant staff. No telephone calls will be put through to teachers during teaching time. Staff will also be unable to discuss children with parents during drop off or pick up times. Please also email the school if your child is unwell so we can accurately record this on our system.

Gaelic Dress Up Day/Wear Your Favourite Colour

We are having a non-uniform day on Friday 29th September where the children can wear a Gaelic jersey or a t-shirt with their favourite colour/s. We would appreciate a £1 donation for Trócaire.

Tin Whistle

P4-P7 children – remember your tin whistle every Thursday!

Yours faithfully,

Mr Caolán Byrne

(Acting Principal)

