

## Welcome!

A special welcome to our 12 new juniors Rian, Aaron, Matthew, Luke, Tadhg, Jack, Sean, Tadhg, Caoimhe, Tilia, Eilidh, Sarah and Roan who has joined 1<sup>st</sup> Class. We hope your time in Feakle N.S. is filled with fun, learning and lots of time for friends.

The staff, Board and wider school community wish to officially welcome Ms. Keating to Feakle N.S. Cead Míle Fáilte.

## COVID-19 Symptoms



Please continue to monitor your children for symptoms of COVID-19. If you notice your child developing symptoms contact your GP for advice. If any child receives a positive test for COVID-19 it is important that you inform the school **immediately**.

Common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
- A new cough – this can be any kind of cough, not just dry
- Loss or changed sense of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Aches and pains

Less common symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Sore throat
- Headaches
- Runny or Stuffy Nose
- Feeling sick or vomiting
- Diarrhoea

It is important to note that children may only display one of the symptoms.

## School Absence

Reminder that when pupils are absent from school parents are asked to fill out the return to education facility form. This can be filled in online or can be printed by parents and returned with the pupil.

If your child is absent for any reason please give a note to the teacher explaining why (Illness/Urgent Family Reason/Holiday/ Other). This is recorded on our online roll system.



## Healthy Lunches



Reminder: We operate a healthy lunch policy in Feakle N.S.

We ask that children bring healthy food for soss and lunch every day.

Children should not bring sugary snacks (cereal bars/biscuits/chocolate etc) to school. Please avoid any unnecessary packaging (Clingfilm/tinfoil etc)

Children are allowed one small treat on Fridays. Please ensure lunch boxes are thoroughly washed each evening.

**STUDENT  
DROP-OFF  
AND  
PICK-UP**

We would ask that parents drop and collect children at the designated areas at both morning and evening times.

Please avoid parking at the main school gate unless children are being dropped or collected late.

If children are not being collected by parents please inform the class teacher that day.

Cars should park facing back towards the village in the evening time, if possible, so cars can all move off in the same direction.

If you have minders/grandparents collecting children please inform them of the parking arrangements.

**Please do not park behind the bus.**

School doors open for pupils at 8.50am.

**It is important that drop off times are adhered to (08.50am – 09.00am).**

**School starts at 9.00am. School drop-off should not occur before 8.50am.**

## Book Bills

We would appreciate it if outstanding book bills be paid by **Thursday September 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

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## Cash for Clobber



There will be a Cash for Clobber collection on **Friday October 8<sup>th</sup>**.

Bags of clothes can be brought to the school from **Monday September 27<sup>th</sup>**.

Please leave bags in the shelter. **Bags should not be brought inside the school building.**

Please remember that duvets, pillows and cushions are not accepted.

The money received provides the school with valuable funds throughout the year. Further information can be found @ <http://c-t-r.com/clobber.html>

## Information Session

Ms O'Loughlin has offered to hold a zoom information session for parents in Early October, if parents are interested. The 1 Hour zoom will cover Accelerated Reading (1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>); Spellings for Me (2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>) (a new individualized programme adopted by the school this year) and Mangahigh (2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>) an interactive maths website.

If you think you would attend please send an email to [feaklesen@gmail.com](mailto:feaklesen@gmail.com) or phone the school office on 061 924116. If there is sufficient interest, Michelle will organize the zoom.

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to John, Jim, Tommy and Dylan who received the sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>.

We hope you all had a lovely day celebrating with your families.



## Contact Tracing Log



If a parent would like to make an appointment to speak with a teacher please ring the school and an appointment will be made.

We would like to remind parents to sign the contact log at the school entrance if they have to come into the school to collect a child or for any other reason.

## Cyril Savings Stamps



An Post "Cyril Squirrel Saving Stamp Junior Saving Scheme" was introduced to all pupils last year, in an effort to promote and encourage money saving. This helps pupils to become aware of the importance of saving for their needs in the future, i.e. school tours, holidays, bikes, presents, etc.

Cyril Squirrel stamps will be available in school every Thursday commencing on **Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup>**.

Children will receive 1 stamp for every €1 they bring in. Once they have filled their individual savings card with a of total 20 stamps, they will bring this home and the book can then either be cashed at the local post office or lodged into a post office account, whichever you prefer. Pupils are encouraged to bring money in each week and we recommended a maximum of €5 per week.

**This savings scheme is optional for all pupils.**

## Up-to-date Contact Details

It is extremely important that we have the most up-to-date contact details for all pupils.

We would be very grateful if you would let us know by email [feaklens@gmail.com](mailto:feaklens@gmail.com) should there be any changes to either the parent contact details or the nominated emergency contact details that we have for your child/children.

## Newsletter Distribution

Going forward, the School Newsletter will be sent to out to all families via email.

Anybody wishing to receive a hard copy version, please email the school office @ [feaklens@gmail.com](mailto:feaklens@gmail.com) to request this.