

# Newsletter September 2019



## Office Hours

Welcome to Elaine our new school secretary who has commenced work with us this week.

Elaine will be in the school office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am.

## Book Money

We would ask that families try to have book bills paid by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Send all money to school in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name. If change is due Elaine will send it back in an envelope.

## Drop-off and Collection

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

Please avoid pulling 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 evening times 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.

School drop-off should not occur before 8.50am. School doors for pupils open at 8.50am.

## Music Generation

Fiddle lessons for all pupils will begin on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September. This will be a 30 week programme to run until May.

Families are being given the opportunity to rent a fiddle for their child to use for the duration of the programme. The children will be able to bring it home every week for the duration of the programme.

The programme will cost €25 per child. If families wish to hire a fiddle it will be €50 for the year. Children are free to use their own fiddle/violin or to share with siblings. I would ask that all families fill out the attached form so we can ensure that we have enough fiddles for when the lessons begin mid-September.

## Illness and Notes

If your child is absent from school please provide a note to the class teacher or send a text to the school mobile with a reason (Illness/holiday/family reason/other).

Teachers must record all absences on the school roll system. If your child misses 20 days in a school year it must be reported to TUSLA. Therefore it is important to have reasons recorded for any days missed.

If your child arrives late or leaves school early (for appointments or due to illness) this is also recorded by the class teacher on the roll. There is no sign out book being used in the school.

## Head-lice

Back to school can often bring about bouts of head-lice in children.

Please be vigilant at this time of year and check hair regularly. All long hair should be neatly tied back.

Children are asked to bring a canvas bag/bag for life to keep their coat in on their school hanger.

## School Uniforms

Please ensure that all school uniforms and children's coats/jackets are labelled with the child's name particularly all new items.

## Sacrament Dates

Communion will take place on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Confirmation will take place on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> 2020 in Killanena Church @ 3pm.

Please note both dates – children will be asked to participate in the school choir on both dates.

## Cash for Clobber

There will be a Cash-for-Clobber clothes collection before the October mid-term break.

Please hold any old clothes for the collection as this provides the school with valuable funds throughout the year.

## School Blog and Facebook Page

The school has a Facebook page: Feakle NS.

No photographs of children will be posted to the facebook page but different items will be posted to the page throughout the year.

Please keep an eye on the school blog for photos and school policies etc.

## Homework Diaries

Parents are asked to check and sign h/w diaries every night and ensure that children are ticking off and completing homework properly.

If you feel your child is struggling with homework please chat with the class teacher at the beginning of the year.

## Cumann na mBunscol Sports Equipment Order

Order forms are available from the school office for anybody who wishes to order sliotars, hurleys, helmets, footballs etc.

Prices are always very competitive.

Orders forms must be submitted to the school by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September.