



Welcome back

We were delighted to see all our pupils return to us last Wednesday after the summer break.

A special welcome to our new families and pupils in junior infants: Éala Perry, Callie Noonan, Emer Moloney, Lucas Torpey, Tadgh Ward, Luca McInerney, Tiernan Guilfoyle and Isaac O'Dwyer. The junior infants will have their **first full day on Monday September 9th**. An induction meeting for new junior infant parents takes place this evening, Thurs. 5th at 7pm in the school. We look forward to meeting you all again.

Staff

We would like to welcome Ms Kelly-Ann Brady and Jade McNamara to our staff. Ms Brady is our special ed. teacher for the year - she is shared with Ogonnelloe NS. She will be there every Thursday morning and with us for the rest of the week. Jade joins our SNA team and we look forward to working with Jade.

Kay Lennon will be our food operative - she checks the food orders, reheats in the kitchen and distributes to all classes every day. Kay is also working as our school cleaner at the weekends.

Sinéad O'Mara is our secretary and works every Tues/Wed/Thurs 9.20 am - 2.20 pm.

Mrs Bartley will cover the principal release day every Thursday when I will be in the office.

Sacraments

Confirmation will take place on **Friday May 2nd in St Mary's Church Feakle at 3pm**. Bishop Fintan will be in attendance and as so the times and dates have been set by his office. Holy Communion will take place the following weekend on **Saturday May 10th**.

Healthy Lunches

Reminder that we do operate a healthy eating policy in the school. Children should bring a healthy snack for break time - fruit/oat bars/yoghurts/rice cakes.

On Fridays we ask parents to send **one small treat** with children. Please avoid sending large sharing bars/bags of sweets!

You might have noticed some new additions to the hot lunch menu (chicken melt, beef burrito, falafels) - it is great to see the children willing to try lots of new options.

Cumann na mBunscol order

Every September parents get the opportunity to order **hurleys/helmets/sliotars** etc. through the school. This order form will be sent out to parents once we receive it. Items must be paid for when ordered.

Staff Planning Day

The school will be closed for pupils on Friday November 22nd as staff will be attending training for the new primary mathematics curriculum.

Lees Road Athletics

We will start to hold running sessions for children interested in Lees Road from next week. We are awaiting a date for the event but it normally runs mid-late September.

Coaching

A six week block of hurling coaching will begin the week after next with Jim Corbett. **We ask that children bring their hurley and helmet with them on Tuesday mornings.** First session will be Tuesday 17th September.

Battle of the Districts

This year the Battle of the Districts will take place on **Saturday September 14th**. It is a fundraiser for both the Feakle Community Games and our national school. It is sure to be a great day out with lots of fun for old and young. **Join in and support if you can!**

Uniforms

Children should wear their full school uniform every day. If children wish to wear shorts we ask that plain navy shorts are worn.

French Classes

Children from 3rd to 6th Class will be participating in a 10 week block of French classes starting in early October.

Art, Craft and Photocopying

Thank you to everyone who has already paid this fee. Please make sure that any remaining costs are paid in the coming fortnight. We don't ask for voluntary contributions so this charge is important to us to help us pay for supplies. One child = €30, two children = €50 and 3 or more children = €70.

Homework

Children from 1st to 6th will be given h/w from next week. We are asking that parents check and sign h/w diaries every evening.

Parking/Drop-off times

Children **should not be** arriving to school prior to 8.50am. Please drop children off at the small gate before moving off.

Cyril Savings

We will start our Cyril Savings stamps **tomorrow**. This will take place every Friday. Please ask children to have money in an envelope with their name on the outside.

The school runs Cyril Squirrel savings club every Friday. This is supported by An Post. Children purchase a stamp for €1 and stick it into their saving card. When the card is full (€20) they bring it home. We will restart our Cyril Savings Club next Fri. 29th Sept.