



### Welcome back

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

A special welcome to our new families and pupils in junior infants: Alfie, Micheál, Donnacha, Éireann, Donncha, Darach, Freya, Wren, Emma, Nessa and Rua. We also welcome Leah, Saoirse and Cian to the school. The junior infants had their **first full day on Monday Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>**. An induction meeting for new junior infant parents took place on Mon. 15 September.

### Staff

**We would like to welcome** Ms. Ruth Heavey and Mr. Gerard Grace to our staff. Ms. Heavey 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. Mr. Grace is covering the senior classroom for Ms. McMahon's maternity leave.

Kay Lennon will continue as our food operative and we have a new school cleaner, Audrey Kelleher working 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 Friday when I will be in the office.

### Sacraments

Confirmation will take place on **Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> April in Flaggmount Church (St. Mary's also) at 12 noon.**

Holy Communion will take place at **St. Mary's Church, FEAKLE, on Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 11 a.m.**

### Healthy Lunches

**Reminder - we 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!

### Cumann na mBunscol order

Every September parents get the opportunity to order **hurleys/helmets/sliotars** etc. through the school. Order form will be emailed out to parents - must be returned, along with payment, by latest Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

### NEW school closure dates

**ELECTION DAY:** The school will be closed on Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> October and used as a polling station for the Presidential Election.

**STAFF TRAINING DAYS:** We wish to advise of new notified school closures for staff training - Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025, Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 & Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

### Lees Road Athletics

Running trials were held today, 18 September. The East Clare Primary Schools running day will take place on **Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. at Lees Road**. A bus will travel to the event. A permission slip & notes will be sent home with children who have qualified (so check schoolbags).

### School Mass

We will attend mass on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in the local church.

## Community Defibrillator (AED)

We have been asked to share: "It has come to the attention of **Feakle Community Council** that there has been difficulty in locating the community Defibrillator. Please note it is on the wall of the Dublin's. Moloney's Shop in a specially designated lockbox. The code to open the door is, 4 zeros (0000) and a tick ( ✓ ). See pictures below. A new Defib. has been purchased. It is a more user-friendly design, with one set of pads that work with adults and children in accordance with the instructions that are activated when the machine is turned on. The community council plan to hold further classes in CPR and Defibrillator use, in the coming months."



## Halloween Walk

Our annual Halloween walk will take place on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** (day before the mid-term break). Children can dress up on the day.

## Art, Craft and Photocopying

**Thank you to everyone who has already paid this fee.** Please make sure any remaining costs are paid by end of September. We don't ask for voluntary contributions so this charge is important to us to help us pay for supplies. One child = €40, two children = €60 and 3 or more children = €80.

## Forest School visit

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Classes had an exciting field trip to Cooracloon recently with Forest School leader, Marina. The whole trip was fully funded and an enjoyable experience for all the children.

## Homework

Children from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> are getting homework. We ask that parents check and sign h/w diaries every evening.

## Opening/closing times

The school does not accept responsibility for children who are on the school grounds prior to 8.50am and after home-time as applicable.

Upcoming dates for your diary	
Wed. 24 Sep.	Lees Road running
Thurs. 23 Oct.	Halloween walk
Fri. 24 Oct.	School closed: Election day
Mon. 27–Fri. 31 Oct.	Mid-term (closed)
Wed-Thurs 19/20 Nov.	Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held
Fri. 12 Dec.	School closed: Staff training