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Dia daoibh a Thuismitheoirí,

NEW PUPILS

We welcome all our pupils back to school after the summer holidays, with a special welcome to all our new pupils. We hope they will be happy during their time in our school.

In order to allow our new Jnr. Infants time to adjust to their new surroundings, they have been going home at 12 noon until Friday the 11th of September. From tomorrow, Monday the 14th of September they will be in school from 9.20 a.m. to 2 p.m. Even though many of them have been to playschool, they needed this time to re adjust after the long break from playschool. If at any time during the year you have a query, please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment to discuss your concerns.

From your feedback we feel reopening our school has gone smoothly so far. The new Astroturf pitch is proving to be an invaluable asset considering the wet weather we have had since reopening. Our parents, pupils and staff have all responded well to the new guidelines which are for the Health and Safety of all our Community.

FIXED TERM TEACHER APPOINTMENT + GRANT

From a Health and Safety perspective also we have been engaging with the Dept since they published their school guidelines at the end of July. It has taken a considerable time but we have finally gotten what we had requested. We have secured a grant to do some necessary internal renovations, hopefully over the Halloween break.

Until these renovations are completed we have also secured permission to appoint an extra Teacher for a fixed term. We welcome Ms Karen Coughlan, a former pupil, who will have 3rd and 4th during this period. Mrs O Dea will have 5th and Mr. King will have 6th. This has effectively reduced our pupil Teacher ratio significantly and will be of significant educational benefit to the pupils of these classes.

SÍLE CALLINAN MEMORIAL

Our pupils had a very pleasant time on Friday here with Mícheál Talty and his Banner for the C.F. Fundraiser. We wanted to participate to draw the attention of our Community to C.F. and acknowledge that it is part of our Community also, but we didn't want our pupils changing jerseys in these Covid times. So instead all our pupils painted, coloured or designed jerseys they would not normally wear. If you visit the Síle Callinan Memorial Facebook page you will see the photos and blog Mícheál put up after his visit here. Thank you to all who donated to the fund on Friday. If any families forgot to donate they may do so on Monday. It seems we now have to nominate some victims to change jerseys!-stay tuned!

PUPIL PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE FORM

All pupils in Primary schools are automatically covered by Public Liability Insurance, However, as always if any families require Pupil Personal Accident Insurance, the Form is available from the school. Please text 0874171492 or use the email above to request this form. Should you require it, the cost is €6 per pupil for school activities only or €9 per pupil for 24-hour cover. There is no obligation on you to take out this insurance. The closing date to receive your application is **FRIDAY the 18TH SEPT**

PUPIL ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

Please note that all absences require a short note of explanation to be provided for the National Educational Welfare Board on the first day the pupil returns after the absence. To facilitate this we have inserted Absence Forms in the centre of our pupils Homework Journal. So please fill in AS REQUIRED, and show it to the class teacher on returning to school.

LABEL EACH ITEM OF SCHOOL UNIFORM PLEASE

We urgently request that you write your child's name, in permanent marker, on each item of the school uniform, including grey polo tops and tracksuits. Mixing up clothes this year of all years is not a good idea.

HOMEWORK

It is school policy to give homework from Monday to Thursday each week. However this year, all schools have been advised to introduce homework gradually, which we are doing. To ensure your child gets maximum benefit from this work when it is assigned, we ask you the parents to show that extra interest in your child by:

- (a) Checking that written homework is done neatly and carefully.
- (b) Examining spellings & tables nightly.
- (c) Listening to reading nightly.
- (d) Checking that homework is complete and then signing the homework notebook, nightly.
- (e) Please ensure that your children have their correct books and copies in their bags each day.
- (f) All homework this term will either be in just one copy each night, as explained in a previous letter, or on Seesaw or Google Classroom.

SCHOOL MEALS

Annagh N.S. has received funding from the Department of Social Protection to provide school lunches to all our pupils under the School Meals Local Projects Scheme from the Department of Social Welfare. Tipperary Water dispensers are also available for children to use throughout the day. The programme will continue until the end of the school year. This is part of our Healthy Eating and Hydration Policy promoting good eating habits among our pupils.

We have noted that since returning quite a number of our pupils are bringing in treats during the week. We request that you reduce these gradually over the next few weeks. Friday is treat day, but it should only be something small. An excess of sugar in their system will give them too much energy to allow them concentrate in class.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYING SCHOOL BILLS

All school bills must be paid online. Where a particular fee is small, we combine it with other fees, for your convenience. Our issue only one invoice during each of the four school terms; (Sept – Oct), (Nov – Dec), (Jan – Mar), (April – June)

A school invoice will have a pay by date on it, to encourage all our parents to deal with it promptly. Adminstrating this system is extremely time consuming, so your cooperation in this regard is important.

- ❖ Clearly it is vital one Invoice is paid before another one is due the following term.
- ❖ We need to be able to close each invoice file within a period of four weeks from the date of issue.
- ❖ We would be grateful if you could pay an invoice in one payment during this four-week period.
- ❖ If you mislay an Invoice, let us know immediately, and we will re-issue it.
- ❖ Instructions on how to pay an invoice, are at the top of each invoice.

- ❖ Please do not bring in any money as you will be issued with an itemised invoice

We thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.

GOOD BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Over the last number of years our Good Behaviour Policy has been particularly effective. We thank you for the positive manner in which you have encouraged and supported your children to do their best. The categories for our pupils getting points daily this year are:

1. Good Behaviour
2. Neat and completed work
3. Good effort in class
4. Wearing uniform
5. Healthy lunch
6. Neat journals
7. Punctuality
8. Tidying up
9. Showing respect
10. Using oral Irish

Go raibh maith agaibh as do chuid tacaíochta agus taimid ag súil go mór le bheith ag obair le chéile, i rith na blána.

Le gach dea-ghuí.

MICHAEL KING
(PRINCIPAL)