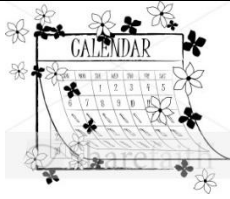




Saint Brigid's School Newsletter September 2017.

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Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 30th August: School re-opens
- Tuesday, 12th September: U11 Gaelic Football Match

Welcome...

As we begin another exciting school year, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our pupils, parents and to Ms. Quinn. We welcome our new junior infants- Leo, Radha, Isabella and Orla. We also welcome Jayden who joins 2nd class and Ryan who joins 6th class. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday.

Crests

School crests are available from the school office at a cost of €3. Please affix crest to school jumpers.

Art and Craft Money

€20 per child is now due to cover the costs of art and craft materials, photocopying etc. Remember that any child with a credit union account will receive a €10 voucher from the credit union upon request, which we will accept as part payment.

Book Rental

Books have been distributed to all children in 3rd-6th class who are taking part in the book rental scheme and a record will be kept. Please ensure these books are maintained and returned in the condition in which they are given. If you have not yet paid your book rental fee, please send your fee in an envelope marked with your child's name.

Personal Accident Insurance

Allianz are offering the Pupil Personal Accident Insurance cover again this year. The cost per child is 6 euro for cover during school hours and 9 euro for 24-hour cover. If you wish to take part in this insurance scheme, please return the attached form and payment to the class teacher by Wednesday 13th September, as payment will be made on this date.

Friday Raffle

Don't forget that there is a raffle held each Friday at a cost of €2 per family with a prize for each classroom. All funds go directly towards resources and excursions for the children.

Contact Details

It is very important that the school has up to date contact details for all parents/guardians. If your contact details have changed, please inform

the class teacher or email us on ticknevin@hotmail.com.

Early Out Book

If your child needs to leave school early, they must be collected and signed out by a parent/guardian.

As we begin another school year, we would like you to take note of the following reminders regarding current school procedures and thank you for your continued co-operation.

Punctuality

School begins at 9am. Although the main school door remains open until 9:10am, any child arriving after 9am is late. If your child arrives after 9:10 am, they must be signed into the late book by a parent/guardian.

Safety

Please be very vigilant when driving around the school grounds, particularly at collection times. Please give way to children **crossing into the main carpark** and also those who leave school via the **two pedestrian gates onto the main road**, especially in wet weather. Again, we would like to remind you that there is no parking in the set down area. This is for dropping off only.

Credit Union

A representative from Edenderry will continue to visit each Wednesday to facilitate express

lodgements for the children who wish to save. If you wish to join the scheme, please let the class teacher know and we will request a form from the credit union.

SALF Folders

Please bring in 2 euro to purchase SALF folders (Self-Assessment for Learning Folder). The SALF folder allows each pupil to choose and display samples of work that they are particularly proud of. The folders are completed throughout the year and show a progression of work in school. They will be sent home at the end of the school year.

Gaelic Football

Training will begin for the U11 Gaelic football next Thursday. Our first game will be Tuesday 12th September against Lackagh. We will let you know the details as soon as possible and would love your support.

Shoes.

We encourage children to play freely in the yard using all the space available to them. However, this has resulted in lots of mud being dragged into the school and is causing damage to carpets and flooring. We would appreciate if children who wish to play on the grass or pitch could bring a pair of indoor shoes to school. These can be left at school and changed before and after going out to the yard. Indoor shoes can be inexpensive pumps and just worn inside. Infant

classes may bring wellington boots should they wish to play in 'the woods' and leave them at school. Please mark them clearly with your child's name.

Garden

Work on the sensory garden has begun sponsored by Dreichid. It should be completed in the coming weeks and provide a new and interesting place for children to play and explore.

Acting Principal.

I will begin my maternity leave this month. During my absence, Ms. Lynch will be acting principal and Ms. McCabe will be acting deputy principal.

Ms Lynch will also be the Acting Designated Liaison Person and Ms McCabe will be the Deputy Liaison Person. They should be contacted immediately if you have any safety concerns for any child at our school.

Parents Association.

We would be very grateful if a group of parents could come together to form a Parents Association this year. Fundraising is a vital part of the work of the school and we have lots of ideas for improvement of the school that we would like to go ahead with. If you can help out by joining the association and giving up some of your time, we would be very grateful. Please complete the form attached and return to your child's class teacher if you are interested.

Photographer.

The school photographer will visit the school before the end of September. More details will follow shortly.

Reminder

Please remember to be extra vigilant during September and check your child's head regularly for head lice.