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A thuismitheoirí, a chaomhnóirí, a chairde,

A warm welcome back to everyone. We hope that your child is settling back into a routine after the summer holidays and we look forward to working with you during the coming year. We extend a special welcome to our new students, in particular to the first class and their families, and also our five new pupils in Cherry Blossom preschool. We hope they enjoy their time with us here. We are looking forward to resuming all our usual school activities this year. Tús maith leath na hoibre!

Aladdin App

Our school is now using the Aladdin Connect App. Over the coming months we will begin to see the full benefits of the app. For the moment it is important that everyone has downloaded the app and please ensure notifications on your phone are turned on. Important information such as the newsletter and other correspondence with home will gradually move to the app and away from text and email.

School Accounts

Aladdin Epayments is a brilliant feature of the app which is now available to the school. While it is still possible to pay using cash in the office, this Aladdin EPayments on the app is a much more convenient. Reminder emails will be circulated over time. The Book rental fees vary from class to class. Insurance is €9, Swimming is €20. The fee for Art and Craft/photocopying for this school year is €40 per family. A decision to change the fee was taken during the summer holidays. Many thanks for your understanding with this increase. Families who wish to pay in instalments should be able to do so on the Aladdin App.

School Times

Class starts officially each day at 9.00am. All children should be in school and ready to begin work by that time. Please be aware that

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school insurance only covers children on the premises from 8:50a.m, the time which the gates open. If your child arrives at school after 9:00, please enter via the front door beside the office.

School Office

Our school office is open from 9.15 to 2.00 each day for calls and emails. Please note the secretary often needs to move around the school and isn't always in the office to receive calls. If your call is not answered please follow up with an email.

Parents Association

A meeting of the Parents' Association will take place in the school hall at 7pm on Monday 26th Sept. A new committee will need to be formed as, due to Covid 19, our Parents' Association has been unable to function.

Football Training

Brian White has commenced football coaching each Friday in the school for all classes. Please ensure boys have mouthguard each Friday. Mr Leahy will be visiting 3rd to 6th classes over the coming week to gauge interest in after school training.

Show

The school will be putting on a school musical later in the year (end of May). We have something extremely special planned for this year's show which will be 'The Greatest Showman'. We will be enlisting the help of the whole school community to assist with what we hope will be an event to remember.

Mass

The boys from the school will attend mass next Friday, 16th September to celebrate the start of the new school year.

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Pupil Personal Accident Insurance Application Form 2022/2023

A large number of pupils have already paid insurance for the coming year. Anyone who wishes to join the policy should pay the €9 on the school EPayments link. Pupils may also pay the €9 in cash to the office. Full details on the scheme is available from the school office.

Absences

If your child is absent from school please let us know via Aladdin Connect.

School Savings scheme

The school savings scheme, in association with our local Post Office, will run again this year. The minimum amount which can be lodged is €1. Withdrawals can be made three times a year – just before Christmas, Easter and Summer. Pupils are issued with a savings books and lodgements are taken on Mondays only. This scheme is totally optional.

Eadaí Scoile/School Uniform

Full school uniform should be worn at all times except on the day when a child has Physical Education for which PE uniform is worn. These days will change throughout the year.

Please, please, please ensure that your child's belongings, especially jumpers and coats, are clearly marked with your child's name. If your child inadvertently brings home the wrong jumper please return it to school.

Healthy Lunches

As part of our Healthy Eating Policy we encourage pupils to develop healthy eating habits for life. You are asked not to bring the following to school:

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- Chewing gum
- Fizzy drinks in cans, etc.
- Any drinks in glass bottles
- Any type of crisps
- Cereal bars/Chocolate/Sugary snacks
- Peanut butter
- Nuts and nut products including Nutella, because of nut allergies of our pupils

We have drinking water available in all of the classrooms. Please use a reusable water bottle. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Reminders: Nut Allergy

As some children have severe allergies to nuts we ask children not to bring them as part of their lunch. Thank you for your cooperation.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

TRADITIONAL MUSIC CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS - FACILITATED BY POWERSTOWN/LISRONAGH BRANCH OF COMHALTAS - FRIDAY EVENINGS IN SS PETER AND PAUL'S SCHOOL, CLONMEL. - WHISTLE, FLUTE, FIDDLE, BANJO, MANDOLIN, CONCERTINA, ACCORDION, BODHRAN - ALL LEVELS CATERED FOR – BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED – IN SMALL GROUPS - ENROLMENT AT VENUE FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 5 P.M. TO 7P.M., CLASSES BEGIN 23RD SEPTEMBER - MEMBERSHIP €6 JNR €12 SNR. CLASSES €100 PER 10 WK TERM FOR HALF HOUR CLASS - FURTHER INFORMATION FROM ROISIN 086 8596125 OR NELL 08308495431

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Mid Term Holidays - School will close for the mid-term break today, Thursday October 28th at 2:40 and will re-open on Monday November 7th.

Primary Language Curriculum

The school will be required to close for a number of half days this year to facilitate staff training in the new Primary Language Curriculum. We will be liaising with the Pres to try to co-ordinate these closures in so far as possible. The first closure is Fri Nov 25th. School will finish at 12.00 on that day.

Parent Teacher meetings - Our Parent teacher meetings will be held on the week commencing November 28th. Details on how to book meetings will be available nearer the time. A new booking system will be available through the Aladdin Connect App.

Secondary School Open Nights – Over the coming weeks information on Secondary schools' Open Nights etc will be shared with us and the boys in school. Parents of 6th class boys should be thinking about the options for secondary school as applications will need to be made by early November (Date to be confirmed).

Jewellery - Due to health and safety reasons children may not wear rings or earrings. Children who wear them will be asked to remove them and parents can collect them from their class teacher at the end of the day.

Code of Behaviour – The school policy on behaviour places a big onus on the children to take responsibility for their own actions. We have asked the boys that “If somebody does something to upset, anger or hurt you, then you must make this known to a member of staff.” We would ask all parents to remind their children to do this also. Any boys who are disrespectful or deliberately ignore instructions of staff members will be sanctioned. We expect full support of all parents in the school’s efforts to create a happy and safe learning environment.

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Busy Bees After School and Breakfast Club

We at Busy Bees are delighted to continue to have Busy Bees in St Mary's. We would like to thank everyone for all the kind support and well wishes to date.



We offer an Afterschool service each day until 6.15pm.

All information available from our school website

Calendar 2022-2023

School will open on: Thursday 1st September 2022

Mid-Term Break: Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November 2022

Christmas holidays: Closing on Wed 21st December 2022 at 12.15pm

Re-opening on Thursday 5th January 2023

Mid-Term Break: Closed Thursday 16th and Friday 17th February 2023

February Bank Holiday: Closed Monday 6th February 2023

St. Patrick's Day: Friday 17th March 2023

Easter Holidays: Closing on Friday 31st March 2023 at 12.15pm

Re-opening on Monday 17th April 2023

May Bank holiday: Closed Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd May 2023

June Bank holiday: Closed Monday 5th June 2023

Summer Holidays: Closing Tuesday 27th June 2021 at 12.15pm

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In the event that there are unexpected prolonged closures during the school year e.g. due to weather these dates may be adjusted.