



Welcome back after the Summer holidays !

A big welcome to all our new pupils. We look forward to another happy and successful year.

We welcome Mrs. C. O'Connell, Ms M O'Toole and Ms A. O'Connell to our teaching staff.

### ACCESS TO AND FROM THE SCHOOL

We are happy to let you know that our building has started. We will not be using our existing entrance. Pupils will come in and go out the new entrance. To facilitate collection arrangements closure times have been staggered for the present. The following classes will go home for the month of September at

Junior Infant Ms Cronin	12.20 to Sept 26th
Junior Infants Ms Twomey's	12.30 to Sept 26th
Senior Infants Mrs Creedons	1.30
Senior Infants Ms O'Connell	1.35
Senior Infants Ms Looney's	1.40
First Class Ms Dennehy's	2.30
First Class Ms Kellehers	2.35
Second Class Ms Buckley's	2.40

We will let you know about any changes in these arrangements.

### MERCY DAY Mass

You are welcome to join us for our Mercy Mass for the opening of the School year on Wednesday, 24th September. All classes from Senior Infants to Sixth Class will go to Mass. It will be celebrated at **11.15am in the Parish Church**. We will join with St. Mary's Secondary School for this celebration. **School will finish at 12.30 on Wednesday 24th September.** **You may collect your child at the school gate.**

### REMINDERS

- Children should wear **school uniform** in school, black shoes to be worn with uniform and runners with school tracksuit.
- Please let us know if your child is absent and the **reason why**. Absent forms have been given to Junior classes, these can be used to notify any absences. All absences of 20 days or more are reported to the NEWB.
- The Rolls will be called at 10.00 am. Pupils should be in school before 10.00am to be marked present on that day.
- Please **label** all your child's belongings

- If you wish to **speak to a teacher** regarding your child please contact the school office to make an appointment or send a note to the teacher in your child's home work journal.
- Please continue to bring healthy lunches to school.
- Children should only have **mobile phones** in school if it is absolutely essential that the child needs it after school. All phones are to be named and put in a box in the hall in the morning. Phones may be collected at home time. The school accepts no responsibility for the loss, damage or theft of these phones. Any phone not handed up will be confiscated.
- For safety reasons, when children are leaving school during the day, a parent must collect a child in the classroom and sign 'the sign in/sign out copy'.
- **School begins at 9.00a.m.** Gates open at 8.45 a.m. The Board of Management accepts no responsibility for any pupil who arrives before this time.
- Traditionally the parking spaces outside the school are reserved for the teachers and I ask your co-operation especially while we have building going on in the school.
- Please co-operate with our new traffic arrangements which will be in operation soon.
- We would ask you not to give party invitations to your child to distribute in school, as children who are not invited are put in an embarrassing position. Your co-operation on this issue would be greatly appreciated

### New building -Fund raising

We are delighted to have secured funding from The Department of Education to build our three classrooms and resource room. This funding will not cover the total cost of the new building, so we will have to fundraise to meet this shortfall. We have set a target of €70,000. We appeal for your support for these events to raise this money. We will let you know about these fundraising events.

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

27th Oct to 31st Oct	School closed
3rd Nov	School re-opens
18th & 19th Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings
19th Dec	School closes for Christmas holidays
5th Jan 2015	School re-opens
16th. to 20th. Feb	School Closed
23rd Feb	School re-opens
17th March	School Closed
27th Mar	School closes for Easter holidays
30th. Mar to 10th April.	School Closed Easter Holidays
13th April	School re-opens
4th May	School Closed
1st ,2nd June	School Closed
26th June	Summer holidays.

**First Holy Communion Saturday 9th May 2015**

**Confirmation Wednesday 25th March 2015**



