

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 Ms. Kingston, Ms. O'Connor and Ms. O'Connell

We are working on our Energy Flag this year. Thanks for supporting our Walk to School on Wednesdays. We hope to continue for the months of September and October. We will be implementing our new whole school food policy this year. This policy may be viewed on the school website. Please continue to provide your child with an appropriate amount of 'ready to eat' healthy lunch. We are encouraging that children drink milk/water only during school. Friday will be fruity/veggie Friday.

NEW STAFF CAR PARK

Work on the staff car park has started. We hope that it will be finished by the October break.

As part of the planning requirement, the area around the car park had to be designed by a horticultural architect. We have decided to include a school garden as part of this development.

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT

Thank you for your co-operation so far with our new traffic arrangements. Children can be dropped at the set down area and walk safely on the pedestrian crossing to the new school entrance.

Please do not park on this roundabout as this blocks up the flow of traffic

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Thanks to the Parents Association and everyone who helped with our fundraising so far. We have raised €33,000 so far. We will have to continue our fundraising during the coming school year, so we look forward to your continued support. You are welcome to the AGM on Thurs 6th Oct at 7.30pm in the School Hall

MERCY DAY MASS

We are joining with St Mary's Secondary school to celebrate the contribution the Sisters of Mercy have made to education and to the town of Macroom since 1866.

There will be different events during the year to mark this Sesqui Centenary.

You are welcome to join us for our Mercy Mass for the opening of the School year on Friday, 23rd Sept. All classes from Senior Infants to Sixth Class will go to Mass. It will be celebrated at **11.00am in the Parish Church**. We will join with St. Mary's Secondary School for this celebration. **School will finish at 12.30 on Friday 23rd 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.
- 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. Our mobile phone policy is on our school website.
- For safety reasons, when children are leaving school during the day, a parent must come to Reception in the main building and sign 'the sign in/sign out copy'. We will ring the classroom and the child will come to reception.
- After school activities from 2.40-3.40, continue this year. 'Power Hour' on Tuesdays for pupils from Third to Sixth and Homework Club for pupils from First to Sixth class on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Music classes for Fifth and Sixth Class pupils will take place on Wednesdays
- **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 for your co-operation
- 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
- In the interests of children who suffer from different food allergies, and in keeping with our new whole school food policy, please do not send in cakes/eats to classes for children's birthdays

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

31st Oct to 4th Nov	School closed
7th Nov	School re-opens
15th & 16th Nov	Parent Teacher Meetings
22nd Dec	School closes for Christmas holidays
9th Jan 2017	School re-opens
20th. to 24th. Feb	School Closed
27th Feb	School re-opens
17th March	School closed
7th April	School closes for Easter holidays
10th. April to 21st April.	School Closed Easter Holidays
24th April	School re-opens
1st May	School Closed
13th May	First Communion
25th May	Confirmation
5th June	School Closed
30th June	Summer holidays.