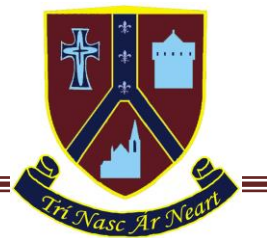


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1st September 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to all our pupils. We hope they enjoy a productive year ahead. Please note the following.

Junior Infants can be *dropped to the PE Hall door* on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. From Thursday 7th they will enter through the front door. They go home at 12 o'clock for all of next week. From Monday 11th September going home time for junior infants is 1.50pm.

Art and Crafts and photocopying money is now due (€35). [Junior infants have already paid this]. Please pay online using our online epayment system. [Please do not send cash to the teacher/office]. A link has been sent to your email/phone. You may pay in instalments if this is more convenient.

Pupil Personal Accident: This provides cover for all medical expenses in the event of any injury caused by an accident at home or at school (24 hour cover). Cost is €9 per child which can be paid using epayments. *A link will be sent shortly.* We recommend this to all parents.

Please ensure your child has a **healthy lunch** – no fizzy drinks, chocolate bars, crisps, sweets or popcorn allowed.

If you are using the **drop off area** (*cars may not be left in the drop off area*), please pull as far forward as you can to allow more parents to pull in. Pupils must be accompanied through the car park to the footpath by an adult.

Phone Numbers/Emails/Address: if you have moved house, changed phone numbers or email address please contact the office to update your details.

Please check immediately with the local secondary school of your choice regarding enrolment procedures and closing dates, even if your child is in the junior classes as some schools operate a waiting list based on the date of application.

Please label all your child's belongings e.g. jumpers, tracksuit tops etc. Items get lost all the time and we have no way of returning them if there is no name clearly printed.

Junior infant enrolment forms will be available the first week in October for junior infants who are due to start September 2018. Forms will be available on the school website www.smpps.ie or by calling to the school office.

The Sacrament of **Confirmation** will take place on Sunday 22nd April 2018 at 12 noon in St. Mary's Church. The Sacrament of **First Holy Communion** will take place on Saturday 12th and Saturday 19th May 2018 in St. Mary's Church (*details to follow*).

After school Speech and Drama classes with Ruth Lonergan will resume on Wednesday September 6th and Thursday September 7th. Through vocal warm ups and speech activities will develop vocal projection and clarity, extending our oral language skills. The art of pause, emphasis, inflection, pitch rate and pace are explored through poetry, prose, reading aloud and Drama. Through games and exercises we hone in on our public speaking skills developing fluency and confidence in our speech.' Please contact Ruth Lonergan at rllonergan@gmail.com, 087 6533155 for further information.

Roll Call/Absences: Please note that the roll call for attendance is taken at 10am each morning. Students not present at that time are marked absent. (However teachers will make a note if the student comes in at a later time, but roll cannot be changed.) Also in the case of student absence parents must send a written explanation when the student returns to school.

The full **code of behaviour** is available on our website. Please note the following points:

- Tracksuits and runners are essential for PE & should be worn only on the appropriate days.
- Students should not wear any jewellery to school. Girls are permitted to wear stud earrings only.
- No dying of hair is permitted.
- Toys and other electronic devices are not permitted in the school.
- Mobile phones are not permitted in the school.

Please note the following dates:

LIST OF DATES FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

August: **School re-opens on Thursday 31st August 2017**
Oct./Nov: Mon. 30th Oct.– Fri. 3rd Nov., closed for mid-term break
December: Close 12 noon Fri. 22nd and re-open Mon. 8th Jan. 2017
February: Closed Thurs. 15th/Fri. 16th for Mid-term break
March: Monday 19th – Closed for public holiday St. Patrick’s Day weekend
March/April: Close 12 noon Friday 23rd March, reopen Mon. 9th April 2018
May: Mon. 7th May / Tues. 8th May – School Closed
June: Mon. 4th June & Tues. 5th June – School Closed
Summer Holidays 12 noon Wednesday 27th June 2018

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Philip Ward