

St. Mary's Parish Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the new school year approaches we are looking forward to working together for the year ahead. We extend a special welcome to our new Junior Infants. We hope they settle in quickly and enjoy their first year with us. To help us make a smooth start, please take a moment to review the arrangements for collection and morning drop off. **(See separate letter)**. **School begins at 9.10am**. The gates to the yard and the front door are opened at 8.50am. There is no need to arrive to school before this time. **Pupils on the premises before this time remain the responsibility of parents.**

Art and Crafts and photocopying money is now due (€35). Please pay online using our online epayment system. A link will be sent to your email/phone over the coming days. 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. Cost is €9 per child which can be paid using epayments. A link will be sent shortly.

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

- Tracksuits and runners are essential for PE and 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.

School extension: As can be seen work has begun on our new extension by CF Hoey Construction. The area where work is being carried out is cordoned off to ensure safety of all during the construction. The work is expected to take approx. 6 months. The internal conversion of our library to 2 classrooms has taken place and the classrooms will be ready for pupils as we begin our school year. **Thank you to all who have contributed to our building fund but as we still short of our target for this we ask you to please contribute if you have not already done so. A contribution of €50 per family is requested.**

Please note the following dates:

September: School re-opens on Thursday 1st September 2016
Oct./Nov: Mon. 31st Oct.– Fri. 4th Nov., closed for mid-term break
December: Close 12 noon Thurs. 22nd and re-open Mon. 9th Jan. 2017
February: Closed Thurs. 23rd/Fri. 24th for Mid-term break
March: Friday 17th – Closed for St. Patrick's Day / Monday 20th – School Closed
April: Close 12 noon Friday 7th April, reopen Mon. 24th April 2017
May: Mon. 1st May – School Closed
June: Mon. 5th June & Tues. 6th June – School Closed
Summer Holidays 12 noon Thursday 29th June 2017

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Philip Ward