



Fáilte Ar Ais! – Welcome Back!

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23/08/24

We are delighted to welcome all pupils back to school on Thursday 29th August, and extend a special welcome to our new pupils Primary 1 pupils starting their time with us at St. Oliver Plunkett's P.S. We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable summer, and we look forward to a successful and enjoyable school year ahead.

Term 1 events and dates will be finalized shortly, but please note the following:

1. **Meals:** School meals begin on Monday 2nd Sept. All pupils should bring a packed lunch on Thursday and Friday.
2. **Dinner Fees:** Fees should be paid weekly in advance. Menu options will be posted on SeeSaw. Please do not allow meal costs to accumulate and ensure any money sent to school is in a sealed envelope with the pupil's name, amount, date, and purpose.
3. **Free School Meal and Transport Entitlements:** Please visit the EA website on <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help> to complete all relevant application forms.
4. **SeeSaw Classes:** We are setting up new SeeSaw classes and the signing-in sheet for the new school year will be sent home on Thursday. The 2023/24 classes will be archived on Monday 2nd Sept. Please ensure you register for the 2024/25 class next week.
5. **PE Lessons and After-School Activities:** These will begin the week of 9th September for P2 – P7. Full details and registration forms to follow.
6. **Safeguarding Protocols:** Parents/guardians must sign in at the main foyer entrance with Mrs. McCann. Unauthorized to any part of the school grounds will breach safeguarding protocols.
7. **2pm Pickup:** Parents/guardians should not enter school grounds before 2 pm and are reminded to be considerate of other classes continuing their daily lessons/routine.
8. **Morning Supervision Club:** Starts Thursday 29th August, from 8am. **Under no circumstances can any pupils be admitted to the club before 8am sharp!** Please also remember that pupils enter the school via the door to the rear of the main building. Cost is £3 per pupil or £5 per family per day.

9. **School Uniform:** Pupils must wear a full school uniform daily. Label all clothing clearly and shoes/trainers should be predominantly black. Other coloured trainers are permitted on PE days (Tuesdays and Friday).
10. **Healthy Snack Policy:** Only fruit/vegetables for break time. Do not send any breakfast bars, biscuits or cheese-string products etc. Water bottles must contain plain, still, unflavoured water with non-spill caps.
11. **Healthy Lunches:** We strongly encourage healthy options only for lunch and avoid sugary snacks and sweets. No nut products allowed.
12. **Health Plans:** Parents/guardians of pupils on a Health Plan will be contacted during the week commencing 2nd September to review and update plans. Medication of any sort can never be sent to school without prior consent from the principal.
13. **Absence Reporting:** All absences must be reported using the Absence Reporting Form on the school website. Failure to use this form may result in the absence being marked as unauthorized.
14. **Primary 1 Transition:** P1 pupils will finish at 11 am on Thursday and Friday, then at 12 noon from Monday 2nd Sept to Friday 6th Sept. P1 will then attend a full day until 2 pm from Monday 9th Sept. onwards. The full schedule of P1 transition arrangements will be shared again next week.

For now, all that is left to say is that we hope you all enjoy a wonderful bank holiday weekend and we can't wait to see everyone bright and early on Thursday morning to start the new 2024/25 school year!

Go raibh míle maith agaibh,

Mr. S. Galvin (Principal)