A chairde,                                                                                    25/08/23

We are delighted to be welcoming the boys and girls back to school on Tuesday 29th August and we are especially delighted to welcome our new pupils to St. Oliver Plunkett's P.S. We hope everyone had a wonderfully restful and fun-filled summer and we pray that this coming school year will be as successful and enjoyable as last year.

The events and dates for our Term 1 calendar will be finalised shortly but for now, please note the following;

1. Meals will commence in school from Friday 1st Sept. All pupils must take a packed lunch For Tuesday to Thursday;
2. We ask that all dinner fees are paid in advance weekly. The weekly menu options will be posted to SeeSaw as per last year's arrangements and it is essential that you do not allow the costs of meals to accumulate. Please ensure any money ever sent to school is in a sealed and labelled envelope;
3. Please be advised that we are currently in the process of setting up the new SeeSaw classes and the signing-in sheet for the new school year will be sent home on Tuesday. The 2022/23 classes will be archived on Friday the 1st Sept. It is your responsibility to ensure you have registered for the new 2023/24 class during next week;
4. PE lessons and after-school activities will commence the week beginning 11th September for P2 – P7 classes. Full details and registration forms will follow shortly;
5. The After-Schools Club have asked us to remind parents that they do not re-open until Monday 4th September;
6. In line with safeguarding protocols in school, no parent/guardian should ever enter the school buildings under any circumstances unless by signing in through the main foyer entrance with Mrs. McCann;
7. At the 2pm pickup, parents/guardians are reminded that the yard and school grounds are in active use and therefore we ask that parents/guardians do not enter the school until 2pm at the earliest. We also ask that you are conscious of other classes continuing their daily routine;

8. The Morning Supervision Club will commence on Tuesday 29th August from 8am. There can be no absolutely no admittance to the club prior to 8am sharp and the final entry is at 8.30am. Cost will remain £3 per pupil per day or £5 maximum per family per day;

9. We ask that all pupils wear full school uniform every day and please label each item of clothing clearly. Your support in relation to the wearing of full school uniform will be greatly appreciated. Shoes/trainers should be predominantly black. Other coloured trainers can be worn on PE uniform days;

10. We continue to operate a Healthy Snack Policy in school and as such only fruit/veg. should be sent in with pupils for break time. Water bottles must only contain plain, still and unflavoured water and please ensure the caps are non-spill;

11. We strongly encourage you to ensure that lunches contain healthy options only. Avoid sugary sweets or snacks. Remember also that no nut products should ever be sent into school;

12. The annual update to Data Capture Forms for all pupils, and the permission slips for pupils in P4-P7 to leave the school grounds unaccompanied will be sent home soon. Please complete and return these documents asap;

13. Parents/guardians of pupils currently on a Health Plan will be contacted by the school early next week to review the plans and ensure that everything is up to date. Medication should never be sent into school without prior consent or without informing the class teacher;

14. All pupil absences must be recorded by parents/guardians using the Absence Reporting Form on the homepage of the school website. Failure to use this form may result in the absence in being reported as unauthorised; and finally

15. Primary 1 pupils will finish their school day at 11am until Friday 8th September. The full schedule of transition to P1 was shared on SeeSaw and will be sent out again early next week.

For now, all that is left to say it that we hope you all enjoy a wonderful bank holiday weekend and we can't wait to see everyone bright and early on Tuesday morning.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh,

Mr. S. Galvin (Principal)