

Scoil Náisiúnta Naomh Treasa



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September Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is great to see all of the children and staff back on site for another school year. Thank you so much to everyone who helped to prepare the school for re-opening over the summer break. We welcome new staff Ms Marie Brady, Ms Niamh McCauley and Ms Olivia Whelan on board and best wishes to all who have moved on elsewhere for the year ahead.

New pupils:- Special welcome to our new junior infant pupils in mainstream and in our Sonas class, as well as any other children who have just arrived this summer. We can see that you are already very settled and familiar with your new routine. Junior infants pupils will finish at 2pm each day from Monday September 16th moving forward.

School Calendar:- Please find attached an updated copy of our school calendar for the year ahead.

Additional School Closure January 30th:- School will be closed on this date for all pupils for a staff training day about the new maths curriculum.

Pupil Insurance + School Contribution €50:- The school is asking for a contribution of €50 per child for the year ahead, this includes Allianz 24 hour insurance cover for your child. Contact Ann in the school office if you need forms to be reimbursed for any medical bills which may be covered by this pupil insurance. A link for e-payments for this contribution will be released this evening (Tuesday 10th), please make payment for this for all pupils.

Car-park drop off and collection:- We ask all drivers around the school campus to drive and park with care, and to allow for the safe movement of children in and out of school each day. Children should always cross at the pedestrian crossing outside the school gate for safety and visibility purposes. Please keep the bus pull-in bays at the school wall clear during the morning and evening times, and ensure you park with consideration for other drivers during these busy times.

Homework:- Homework will commence for classes from Monday 16th, we felt it might be appreciated to give everyone 2 weeks to settle in before this began!

School Lunches:- All parents should have access to the app for ordering hot lunches, these must be ordered by Wednesday 11th for this month and will commence for pupils on Monday 16th. Please check this regularly and make sure that your child is getting meals that they will eat, this is important to avoid waste and ensure that children are all being fed throughout the day at school. Each child will get a lunchbox to bring home their hot lunch container each day, so you can see what they have eaten. Please wash this and return it with the cutlery EVERY DAY. Send a healthy snack lunch and drink as well for the other break too.

School Uniform:- Pupils should wear full proper school uniform each day, apart from their assigned PE day when they wear tracksuit. Full uniform includes tie, please ensure the school tracksuit is plain blue trousers and jumper (not labelled brands).

Lost and Found:- All clothes items should have your child's name clearly marked on them, especially jumpers and coats. Any child involved in football or athletics training should label their shirt, trousers and jumper to avoid items getting mixed up or lost. Every year in September, the office receives a large volume of unmarked clothing which is never claimed, this can be avoided by initialling or labelling all clothes items please.

School Attendance:- It is important that children attend school each day. However, if you have any doubts about your child's health please keep them at home. When a child is absent from school it is important to provide an explanation note, otherwise this absence will be recorded as unexplained. Please keep the Aladdin Connect app up to date to explain all absences. Contact the school to notify if a child is being collected early, entry and exit should take place at the front doors via the office for this.

Attached letters from Department of Education:- I have attached some letters for parents attention from the DES regarding smartphones and back to school health advice.

Website:- We invite everyone to visit our website killoens.ie to keep up to date with what is happening in classes around the school. Each class has their own section which they keep refreshed with new content and pictures of all the work and fun throughout the weeks! The school also has an active parents association page on Facebook. A link to the app for our website can be found via Schools Ireland, it looks as follows:



We look forward to the year ahead, I know that training is already underway for athletics and football and we will be signing up for numerous other activities for the children too. Thank you for your support as always, please contact the school office or the class teacher if you need any guidance or support throughout the year.

Kind Regards,

K. Mollaghan