



## September Newsletter 2024

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### WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to all our pupils and a special welcome to our new **Junior Infants**. They are: Éabha Dwyer, Sadhbh Fogarty, Rylee Hetherington, Sarah Jackman, Luke Meally Brennan, Evie O'Carroll, Seán Owens and Lily-Kate Rothwell.

### REMINDER

Doors open at 8:45am. Children are not to be let out of cars before then. Please pass this message on to anyone who drops your children to school.

### HOT SCHOOL MEALS

We are delighted to have been accepted into the Hot School Meals Programme. This will mean that every child will get a hot lunch delivered to the school every day at no cost. Parents will be given a link to access a menu for each week. We are currently at the tender stage and as soon as we have awarded the contract to a supplier, we will forward the relevant link.

### USED CLOTHING COLLECTION

The school will hold a **Used Clothes Collection on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October**. As usual no pillows, cushions, duvets, towels etc are acceptable. On the day, leave all filled bags in the shed beside the school for collection. Your co-operation would be very much appreciated since in view of the rising costs in heating and electricity all fundraising opportunities are vital this year.

### NAMES ON UNIFORMS

Please ensure that names are put on **all** school jumpers and tracksuit tops.

### COLLECTION OF PUPILS

In line with our Child Safeguarding Policy, if there is somebody else collecting your child please inform the school by note or by phone in advance. The school cannot permit children to be collected by unauthorised people. School mobile number is 087-9050605 / landline 056-4441384.

### ALADDIN CONNECT

As you are aware, the school is using **Aladdin Connect**. Please make sure you are registered by using the link sent to you. You can now notify the school of any absences using the app. If an explanation for an absence is not received by the school, it will be marked as "unexplained" on the pupil's records.

### ADMISSIONS

The school are now accepting applications for admissions for school year 2025/2026. If you intend enrolling your child or know of anybody intending to enrol a child, please contact the school office or go to our website for an Application Form if you have not done so already.

### PUPIL CONTRIBUTION

All schoolbooks, workbooks, copies, pens etc are free to all pupils this year. However, there is a **€50 per pupil** charge for photocopying, art materials and 24hr Pupil Personal Accident Insurance. Each parent has been sent a link to make this payment to the school. Thank you to all who have paid to date and we ask those who have not, to do so before the end of September.

### BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS

Please do not send any party invitations to school with your child. Parents can choose to share details via Aladdin Connect if they wish to send invites.

### WELCOME

We welcome Róisín Brennan SNA, who has joined our staff for the next few months covering a Maternity Leave.

### CREDIT UNION

Our Credit Union will start back Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Pupils are asked to bring their lodgement books and cash to school on **Fridays only**.

### PHONE NUMBERS

Reminder: If you change mobile phone number (or address), please inform the school immediately so that your details can be updated. Also, please ensure that you have provided the school with your current email address. You can contact the school via our email address: [info@firodaschool.ie](mailto:info@firodaschool.ie) or on our school mobile 087 9050605

### AFTERSCHOOL

Our Afterschool facility commenced today. If anyone is interested in availing of this service, please contact Marie on 087 6809119.