

Home–School Links: Notice to Parents

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back

We are delighted to welcome everyone back after the summer break. Our first week has been a great success, full of hard work, teaching, and learning. It is wonderful to see the children settle in so positively.

Fortnightly Focus

Last year, we began a *fortnightly focus* to encourage positive interactions, good behaviour, and reflection across the school. This fortnight, our focus is on **being polite and courteous**, particularly in how we meet and greet each other.

You can support this at home by encouraging your child to:

- Use simple greetings such as “Good morning” or “Hello” when meeting someone.
- Say “Please” and “Thank you” when asking for or receiving something.
- Practice listening carefully and responding respectfully when others are speaking.

Together, these small but important habits strengthen our school culture of kindness and respect.

Staffing Update

As you may know, we are currently missing two key members of staff who usually support the day-to-day running of the school. We miss them very much and ask for your patience as we navigate systems in their absence.

Annual Requisites & School Appeal

Our annual requisites and school appeal collection is now live on *Aladdin* (€100 per pupil).

This contribution covers essential items such as:

- Art materials

- Photocopying
- Aladdin Connect
- Curriculum-related licenses

The school appeal also supports the everyday running of the school. Department grants do not fully cover core costs such as lighting and heating, cleaning and maintenance, and insurance. Your continued support makes a real difference in maintaining a safe, warm, and well-resourced environment for all our pupils.

Payments may be made through *Aladdin* or in cash. Teachers will acknowledge cash payments either through an Aladdin notice or with a written receipt.

New Furniture

All classes from Junior Infants to Second Class now have brand-new tables and chairs. We have several good-condition tables and chairs left over which we would be delighted to donate to families who might find them useful (e.g., as a study desk or play table).

If you know of a charity who might be interested, please let us know. Ms Hardiman will send further information next week, and we will also hold an *open morning* soon where families may come along.

Important Dates for Your Diary

- **Class Meetings** – Tuesday, 16th September at 6:15 PM

Each meeting will be held in your child's classroom. Parents/guardians will have the chance to meet class teachers, see the classroom practices, and strengthen connections with the school.

Homework pass for all students whose parents/guardians attend!

- **Communion & Confirmation** – We are awaiting dates from the parish church. Bishop Brendan Leahy has not yet announced Confirmation dates. We will share updates as soon as we have them.
- **My Canine Companion Fundraiser** – Please support us via this link: [My Canine Companion](#). We hope classes and parents can join us at **Thomond Park on Thursday 11th**. More details to follow early next week.
- **Staff In-Service** – School will close at 12 PM on **Monday, 13th October**.
- **School Mass** – Friday, 3rd October.

Thank You

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We wish you all a lovely weekend ahead.

Warm regards,

Emma Geraghty