

# September Newsletter

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## Swimming Lessons

We are delighted to see our swimming programme up and running again. The children of 3rd and 4th class are already into week 3 of their lessons and the children of 5th and 6th class will have their turn during November/December. We are keeping the cost as low as we possibly can but we are aware of the financial pressures on all families at the moment. Talk to us about payment options and we will try to accommodate every child and to leave no child behind.



## After School Activities

Tae Kwon Do - Mon & Wed  
Irish Dancing- Wednesday  
Lego Club - Thursday  
Keyboard Lessons - Friday

## A New Year Begins

It has been a busy start to the new school year in Carnew N.S. A huge welcome goes to our 22 new junior infants who have settled in really well to “big school” under the direction of teacher Ms Cousins and SNA Anita Rossiter. We hope that their time in Carnew NS will be enjoyable and memorable. We also welcome 8 new pupils who have joined us from other schools. Fáilte roimh Luca, Matei, Tabita, David, Joel, Sarah, Conor and Sean. We wish them every happiness and success.



## Headlice

Head lice have made an unwelcome return to schools this autumn. Please check your child's head frequently, and, if there are head lice present, please treat appropriately and inform the class teacher. Thank you.

# DEIS School

As a newly categorised Rural DEIS school we will be working hard on 3 year development plans this year. As part of this we will be looking at ways of involving parents more in various ways in the development and improvement of our school. We will be looking for you to participate in surveys and questionnaires during this term and we encourage everyone to have their say. Studies show that being a DEIS school provides better outcomes for the children and that is what we want to happen.



## Covid 19

As much as we would prefer that it just went away, there are still COVID cases being reported in the school community. We would urge all families to be vigilant and to use antigen tests if symptoms are present. If positive then a child should isolate for seven days from school - day one being the first day that symptoms appeared. The HSE are expecting large numbers of flu and COVID 19 this winter so it is important that we protect each other for the greater good. Thank you.

## New ASD Facility

We are moving closer to the building of a new 2 classroom facility for children with ASD. In August we received planning permission from Wicklow Co. Council. We are now waiting for the Department of Education to approve additional funding arising from extra costs associated with the build. After that the project will be going out to tender.



## School Lunches

Our new pupils join us at an historic time in Carnew NS as we start, for the first time, providing hot meals for the children. One week in, we are getting positive feedback as we adapt to this new development. Our providers, Schoolfood4Primary, are watching carefully to see what is working well and what is not yet working well and will adapt where possible as we go along from week to week. We warmly welcome the catering crew of Amelia, Niamh, Valerie, Laura and to the school staff. They are already proving very popular with children and adults alike.



## Best Wishes

And so, as we settle in for a new year in school, I wish everyone in the school community, children, parents, staff, Board of Management, Parent Association and all concerned with Carnew NS a happy, productive and successful year. Working together, we can achieve great things and solve many problems.

Best Wishes,  
K' O Donnell (Principal)