

September Newsletter

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Welcome

We are well settled into our first term of the school year! A big welcome to our new junior infant class who have settled in famously with their teacher Ms Cousins and welcome also to the other children who have joined us this year in other classes. We welcome Mr J Doyle to the staff of Scoil Aodán Naofa and wish him well in the months and years ahead. We wish all in the school community a happy and fruitful year of learning this year.

Morning Assembly

Now that the children have settled back to school please drop off your child at the school gate in the morning. This promotes independence for the children. The front area and back yard areas are supervised by school staff from 8:50am so the children may enter the school grounds from that time. At home times, please remember that our hall contains two teaching areas so for reasons of privacy and confidentiality please do not wait in the school hall for your child to come out of the classroom. There is a collection area outside for the junior and senior infant classes and the older children can be collected at the school gates. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Fees

Just a gentle reminder that school fees for photocopying, art & crafts, pupil insurance and communications are now due. The cost is €35 per child and can be paid in stages if this helps. These monies are vital for the day to day resourcing of the school. Thank you.

Music Generation



We are delighted to host the Music Generation programme again this year. This year we have one tutor, Diarmuid Comerford, looking after the programme for all classes so it will be a lot more streamlined and efficient. This year we are waiting for the programmes to be up and running smoothly before we issue information on fees for the programme. It represents exceptional value for money given the quality of the music lessons delivered. More information to follow.

Flu Vaccinations

Each family should have received an email with information about the flu vaccine being offered to children ahead of this winter season. There is a link in that email for families to register for the vaccine which will be administered in school in October. If you have not received this link please let the school office know at (053)9426315. This is entirely at the discretion of each parent to decide on going ahead with the vaccine or not.

Attendance

As always we wish to promote good attendance in school throughout the year. As the saying goes, "Every school day counts". Please remember to record reasons for absences on your child's Aladdin page. We would encourage everyone to consider not taking holidays during school term time but should you do so please contact the school office beforehand to let us know in advance. Late arrivals after 9:20am must check in at the secretary's office. Thank you.

School Closures

Please note the following upcoming school closures as notified on our school calendar.

Friday 4th October - school closed.

Discretionary day.

Friday 25th October - school closing for the Halloween break at 1:40 for all classes. (Annual Halloween walk due to take place at 1pm).

School reopens on Monday 4th November.

If you have not received a school calendar by email please let the school office know.

Football

Best wishes to our girls and boys football teams who are in action in inter schools competitions this week and next. All in the school community wish Carnew Emmets the very best of luck both in the football championship and the hurling final coming up soon.

Healthy Lunches

In Scoil Aodán Naofa we encourage the children to eat healthy food. For this reason we ask you not to send crisps, chocolate or sweets with the children to school. If the children choose not to eat the school food meals please consider sandwiches, yogurt and fruits. Also bear in mind that we have children with nut allergies in our school so please don't send Nutella sandwiches or chocolate spread. Thank you.



Gaeilge

This year, here in Scoil Aodán Naofa, we are focusing on the development of the teaching and learning of Irish. We are trying to make Irish more conversational and user friendly throughout the day. We would be delighted if you could use any "cúpla focal" or few words you might have yourself at home to boost your child's progress! We will be issuing a tip sheet shortly to help parents with this venture. Beir bua!

Swimming

We are currently working on numbers for a set of 6 swimming lessons in January/February 2025. We have canvassed 3rd - 6th class for an idea of numbers but we may not be able to offer every class the lessons this year. We will keep you informed as the picture becomes clearer.



Contacts

If you have recently changed your telephone number or your alternative contacts please let the school office know. Thank you.