

Notes from Information Meeting 28/09/15

- New school secretary- Mrs. Mary Tomkins. Mary works in the office on Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30a.m-3:00pm. **Anybody who has to return any outstanding forms please do so tomorrow.**
- If you wish to speak to me at any time please make an appointment by phoning the school, e-mailing me or sending a note into school with your child. I cannot speak to parents between 9:20am-2:00pm as this is teaching time.
- As you may have noticed already belongings get mislaid very quickly and very easily. Once again I ask you to make sure that ALL of your child's belongings are labelled clearly.
- Beginning this morning children will line up independently with Senior Infants at the door each morning and wait for the bell to ring. At this stage all pupils should be putting on their own slippers, hanging up their own coats, putting their own drink on the drink press etc. **No child should be dropped at school prior to 9:10am in the morning.**
- Days to remember- Monday= Music, Wednesday=PE, Tuesday= GAA Coaches (after Hallowe'en Break)
- Lunch/ Lunchtime- Little break is from 11:00-11:10am. Big Lunch from 12:30-1:00pm.
- Medicine- Should be administered by parents, but, in circumstances where this is not possible written consent is needed for a teacher to administer it.
- Hurling 365- Senior Infants-6th Class.
- Parents association AGM Wednesday night.
- Swimming organised by PA. It is run after school, normally on Wednesdays in Bunclody.
- Sign-in/ Sign out book. If your child is late for school or if they have to leave early please sign them in/out in the book inside the main door, next to Mr. Quigley's classroom and please give a reason for absence. If your child misses a full day of school I will send home an absence slip to be filled in and returned to school. If your child was sick and has a medical cert please attach it to the slip. **PLEASE NOTE: Any child who is absent for 20 or more days must be reported to the Child protection and Family Agency –TUSLA, regardless of the reasons. We ask that you try to keep absences to an absolute minimum.**
- Homework- Junior Infants will have their sounds copy and a reader from now on. We will begin with picture books and progress to books with words. The Jolly Phonics programme puts a lot of emphasis on sounding out words and blending sounds to read words instead of learning a page of a reader off by heart. Please keep this in mind when you are reading with your child each night. If your child is having difficulty with sounds/ or readers please come and speak to me. Senior Infants will have word sheets/ readers, tricky words and word lists each night. Writing homework will begin after Christmas. Again, if there are any problems with homework please speak to me. **Children should also be practicing their tin whistle as part of their homework EVERY NIGHT- Yes!!!!Even when you have a splitting headache!**
- **Please check your child's homework folder every night as I may have put a note or a form to be signed into it etc.**
- Reading volunteers give us their time each morning to listen to the children read out loud. This is a fantastic system to have going in the school, especially in the Infant classroom, as it means that an adult listens to your child read out loud four days a week and with the help of the volunteers I get to listen to every child reading at least twice a week. Many thanks to those who volunteer and if you would like to volunteer in the future please let me know.