

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, June 2005

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Here are a few items for your information:-

### **School Reports**

School reports are enclosed for all pupils who attended school for the 2004 / 2005 school year. Reports are based on the pupil's performance throughout the school year and not on test results. Test results are kept in school and are available at the Parent / Teacher Meetings.

### **Book Lists**

Book Lists are enclosed for all pupils who will be attending school here during the coming school year 2005 / 2006. Books may be purchased from any school book shop. Second hand books are available for most of the text books on the book lists in use in the senior classroom. Buying second hand books will greatly reduce the cost of the book bill. Pupils will not write in their text books this year in the senior classroom. These text books will be able to be sold on next year reducing the cost of the book bill. Pupils in the junior classroom will write in all of their books except for readers. Readers for the junior classroom are also available second hand. Please cover all books to lengthen their lifespan. Each book should have the pupil's name marked clearly on the cover.

### **Copy Books**

Each child in the senior classroom should have one packet of 88 page writing copies, one packet of 88 page sum copies & one packet of B4 writing copies. Copies are cheaper when purchased in packets from the supermarket during the "Back to School Sales" at the end of the summer. Each copy should be marked clearly with the pupil's name on the front cover. Copies for the junior classroom will be arranged in September.

### **Stationery**

Each pupil will need their own supply of pencils, pens, ruler, rubber, sharpener, colouring pencils, markers & pencil case. Easy grip pencils for Infant pupils are available in the junior classroom.

### **School Uniform**

School uniform consists of wine jumper, grey shirt & trousers / skirt & sturdy shoes with good grips. Uniforms may be purchased from any outlet. Ties & crests are available in school from the Parents' Association. Prices: Ties are 5 euro each & crests are 5 euro each.

### **Infant Hours for September 2005**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 9.00a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 9.00 a.m. to 12.30.p.m.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September onwards 9.00 a.m. to 1.30.p.m.

### **Learning Support Teacher**

We will have a new part time learning support teacher from September 2005. Mrs. Una Taaffe from Tallanstown N.S. will be the new learning support teacher joining our staff. Una is a teacher with many years of experience in the classroom.

### **Parents' Association**

For the benefit of new families with pupils starting school here in September the parents on the Parents' Association Committee are:-

Chairperson: Jenny Burke                      Secretary: Helen Collier ( Also Parents'

Rep. on Board of Management)      Treasurer: Stephen Harmon

Vice-Chairperson: Cia Fox                  Parents' Rep. on Board of Management:

Patrick Griffin

### **School Board of Management**

Chairperson: David Bothwell      Educate Together Rep.: Paul Rowe

Principal: Ann Middleton              Teacher : Sinead Coughlan

Treasurer: Paddy Griffin              Secretary: Helen Collier

Enrolment Officer: Eileen Aiken Vice-Chairperson: Leonard Hatrick.

### **Our School Staff Members**

Principal & Senior Class Teacher: Ann Middleton

Junior Class Teacher: Sinead Coughlan

Resource Teacher: Maire Larney

Learning Support Teacher: Una Taaffe

Language Support Teacher: Juliet Reynolds

Secretary / Class Assistant: T.B.A.

The photographs & names of each of the above mentioned are in the hallway of the main school building. Try to have a look at them in order to help you to identify each one.

### **Sports Day**

We were fortunate enough to have a glorious summer's day for our Sports Day this year. Many thanks to all the parents who helped out both before and during the day itself. Many thanks also to the Parents' Association

for funding some new P.E. equipment for the children. Our only problem was that time flew past so fast.

### **Open Afternoon**

Parents and families of new pupils starting school here in September came to our Open Afternoon which was held after Sports Day had finished. We gained an extra three new pupils from the Open Afternoon. Many thanks to Jenny Burke & Cora Higgins for all their help.

### **Art Work**

Many thanks to Iseult Aiken, art teacher and parent, who gave art classes in our school in June. The junior classroom produced some very fine pottery and the senior classroom produced some lovely pictures. The children really enjoyed themselves and we hope to have Iseult back again next year.

### **Dates for your diary**

School begins again for the next academic year on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005. The complete holiday list for the school year will be given out in September. Here are the school holiday closures for the remainder of this calendar year:- for the Hallowe'en break school will be closed for the week from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2005. Christmas Holidays will begin on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2005 at 12.00 noon.

Hope you all have a great summer!

With kind regards,

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Ann Middleton  
Principal