



St. Anne's National School

Roll No; 19317K

Newsletter September 2021

Welcome Back Boys and Girls

Welcome back to all the boys and girls after our Summer Holidays. A special word of welcome to our **24 new Junior Infants**. Welcome Isobel, Thea, Lucy, Emilia, Kyah, Cian, Mia, Karlo, Madison, Conor, Grace, Elle Ann, Shane, Caoimhe, Annie, Art, Austin, Ben, Niamh, Hannah, Holly, Jaxon, Siofra and Laura. Also, a big welcome to Samuel in Senior Infants, Dexter in 1st class and Matilda in 2nd class who joined us over the summer.

Advice to Parents Regarding Covid Symptoms

Unfortunately, we are now experiencing a number of Covid Positive cases in our school. We ask parents to be extra vigilant and, if in any doubt, to err on the side of caution. Please communicate any positive test results to the school principal so that close contacts can be identified with the HSE.

When to keep your child at home and phone your GP

Your child has: -

- A temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
- A new cough
- Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- A sore throat
- A headache
- Changed sense of taste/smell
- Runny or blocked nose
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhoea
- Been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus
- Been living with someone who is displaying symptoms and may have coronavirus

While awaiting testing or results of a Covid-19 test, all unvaccinated family members should restrict their movements, which means not coming to school. If the test is positive, follow HSE guidelines. If the test is negative, pupils may return once **symptom free** for **48 hours**. Siblings may return immediately provided they are feeling well.

School Opening/Closing Times and Supervision

Parents are reminded that school begins at **9.20am** and we ask that pupils are dropped off as close to that time as possible. The school cannot accept responsibility for pupils dropped off before **9.00am**. We ask that parents collecting pupils at home time do so as quickly as possible and not congregate at the church gate or in the carpark. The school also advises that we cannot accept any responsibility for pupils who are going to the GAA Hurling Wall before entering school grounds in the morning. We ask that you discourage your child from doing this.

Book Rental

Book bills went home on Thursday 16th. Book bills can be paid to the school office, the class teacher or by Aladdin e-Payments. It is important that book bills be paid at your earliest convenience. Should parents require extra time or assistance with payment, please contact the School Principal. Absolute discretion is guaranteed. **Personal Insurance** with Allianz for each child is included in your book bill. This affords you **24hr** cover **12 months** a year for your child. Claim forms can be collected from Jenny in the school office.

Hurling Coaching and 365

Mr. Murphy will continue with **Hurling at the Wall** for boys and girls from 3rd to 6th classes at both break times. The timetable is as follows; -

- Mondays – 6th class
- Tuesdays- 4th class
- Wednesdays- 3rd class
- Thursdays- 5th class
- Fridays- 6thclass

Pupils are reminded to bring their own hurls and helmets on their allocated day.

Hurling 365 for boys and girls in 1stand 2ndclasses takes place each Tuesday morning from 8.30 to 9.10am.

Labels

We ask that parents please clearly label school jumpers and coats to avoid confusion. A Lost and Found Box is located in the reception area.

New Goal Posts

The school would like to express a huge thank you to **F&M Whelan** for their generous sponsorship of two new sets of goal posts. The goal posts have been set up on the parish field beside the school. Mr. Murphy has marked two pitches, which pupils use to play games at break times. The goal posts are of such quality that, I am sure, they will be there for generations to come.

Confirmation

Congratulations to last year's 6th class who finally made their Confirmation on Saturday morning last. Thanks to Fr Jimmy Ryan and to Fr Robert Maguire for the lovely ceremony. Well done Ms. Ambrose and Ms. Barry who organised at short notice. A special word of thanks to Ms. Kehoe, Ms. Fitzharris, Ms. Clancy and Ms. McCoy for the beautiful musical accompaniment.

First Communion

All going to plan, the pupils in 3rd class will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist on Saturday 25th of September in Rathangan Church.

Dates for your diary

- Saturday 25th September- First holy Communion
- Friday 22nd of October- school closes for Hallowe'en Break