

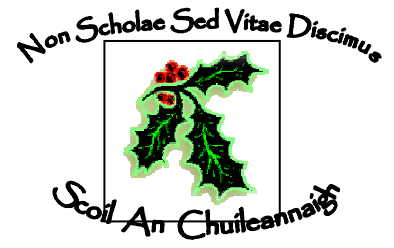
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Newsletter

7th September 2017

Ath Bhliain Nua faoi mhaise do chách ó fhoireann na scoile uilig

A Thuismitheoirí

Fáilte ar ais do bhliain scoile nua.

A special welcome back to all the children of Cullina National School especially the Junior Infants and the new children enrolled in other classes throughout the school. We realise that there are many demands on your money at this time of year, so I want to say thank you to all parents for your co-operation in the collecting of monies at the beginning of the school year – your response and support was greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Please try to ensure that children have proper school uniforms and that each item of clothing is clearly labelled.

Unfortunately, if you haven't labelled all items of clothing **clearly** it is very difficult for us to locate owners for them when lost. We cannot be responsible for the safe return of your child's uniform. This will be of significant relevance when swimming classes commence shortly.



DANCING/ AEROBICS/ GYMNASTICS/ OTHER FORMS OF DANCE/GAMES

I would like to inform you that we have extended the Physical Activity Programme in the school to include Gymnastics and other forms of Dance along with Irish Dancing. Our P.E. Programme will unfold as the year progresses but I want to remind you that your voluntary contribution (already paid to us) will cover all expenses entailed in our P.E. Plan. The school will cover any shortfall in payments towards the end of the year.

Please make sure that your child is wearing suitable footwear coming to school beginning this Tuesday 12th September.

We are a 'Pro-Active School' with an 'Active Flag' to prove it. Aigne Slán I gCorp Folláin – Healthy Mind – Healthy Body

Head Lice

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Please encourage your children to bring a healthy lunch to school. Taytos are not allowed and we would appreciate little or no sugary foods.

'Is fearr an tsláinte ná an tainte – Health is better than wealth'.

We would also appreciate if you would encourage your child to dispose of rubbish sensibly. What comes to school in the lunch box should be eaten or brought home again. Your co-operation is always welcome and fruitful.

Failte isteach Comhghairdeas :

We wish to welcome the following people to our staff.

Mr Liam Carey – A student from Mary Immaculate Teacher Training College is assisting in Ms Elaine McCarthy's Junior Infants class from 4th September – 15th Sept. He will be observing and assisting in Ms Jemma Doyle's 4th Class and partially with Mrs Harmon's 5th class for the following two weeks. He will be on Teaching Practice with Ms Jemma Doyle's 4th class from Monday 9th October to Friday 10th November. During this period Mr Carey will be inspected by the Department of Education inspectorate on three occasions. We wish him well. Go néirí go maith leat a Liam.

Ms Sarah Houlihan – Special Needs Assistant Student, is in placement for one week (4th Sept to 8th Sept) in Ms Lorraine Counihan's Class. Ms Houlihan hopes to qualify in early childhood and care education.

Ms Megan Farrell Special Needs Assistant Student, will be in placement in the Junior end of

Music – Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Eirinn in the Classroom

Classes will resume Monday 25th September (during school time). Once again we have the very talented Brendan O'Sullivan to coach the children. Brendan plays the fiddle and bodhrán and several other instruments. Brendan is part of a well-known traditional group and we are very privileged to have him on Board.

All children participate in these Ceoltas Classes from Senior Infants – 6th Class. I'm encouraging as many children as possible to branch out using different instruments in the Middle / Senior Classes. If your child plays an instrument other than tin whistle please bring it along on Mondays if possible and Brendan will facilitate you by providing you with the cords / keys to all his tunes. Let's build on what we have and move it along this year!!! Please make sure your child has a tin whistle in school.

Thank you for the positive response in contributing towards these classes. It was greatly

AUTUMN MINI TOURS /

LOCAL EDUCATIONAL TOURS :

The school year gets off to a very busy start shortly with –

2nd & 3rd classes heading off to Siamsa Tíre Folk Theatre to enjoy the musical 'All Shook Up'. I can only hope it will bring back fond memories of their own time on stage last year.

4th class will be climbing Torc Mountain to view Killarney from the heights

5th Class will be heading off on foot through the beautiful and rugged Gap of Dunloe to learn about the historical remains of an Old Royal Ulster Constabulary Barracks and Kiernans Inlay Furniture Workshop/House. In this workshop the craft of inlaying furniture was practised. This furniture is currently being sold worldwide for thousands of euros. Sample pieces can be viewed in Muckross House.

6th Class will be making their way shortly by boat through the Lakes of Killarney and completing their journey by walking through the Gap of Dunloe.

All other classes will enjoy nature walks

A full list of teachers and classrooms has been included with this Newsletter.

Don't forget to go to our website www.cullinaschool.ie where all our activities are encapsulated with an array of photographs from all our recent escapades.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WITHIN SCHOOL HOURS

Football Coaching – starting this Monday 11th September for 5th and 6th class with P.J. GAA Coach. This will be extended to include other classes also.

1. Rugby Coaching – starting shortly
2. Swimming: Commencing for 6th Class on Friday 15th September
3. Dance / Aerobice / Gymnastics – Dancing begins this Tuesday 12th September (Jnr Infants – 5th Class)
4. Comhaltas Music Lessons will start Monday 25th September.

The above classes will be staggered throughout the year and will come under the Department Time Allocation Guidelines for P.E. It will also be a part of our School Self Evaluation Plan for P.E.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS

A number of school activities (**after school hours**) will begin shortly. This year I have given a number of coaches the use of our school building to cater for a wide variety of after-school activities.

These classes are completely separate from our school curriculum but are endorsed by the school's Board of Management. All enquiries relating to these activities must be made directly to the coaches involved and not to the school.

If you are interested in any of the following activities please note that a leaflet will be given to your child shortly giving you all the details.

Please contact the coaches directly

Basketball Coaching – Basketball begins shortly (A note will follow)

Piano Lessons

Set Dancing

Athletics Training

Chess – Coaching along with a visit from one of Ireland's best competitors will commence shortly

Spanish for 6th Class

Art Classes

Football Training - We are delighted to have Amy Foley coaching our 4th 5th & 6th Class Girls Football Team once again this year. Training takes place after school 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. every Friday (indoors if necessary). To date we have won the mid Kerry 7aside, we got to the final of the county 7aside and we also lost narrowly in the semi final of the county 12 aside competition in 2016/17

After School PE Club for Juniors

Cullina School has given Amy Foley access to the school hall for after-school activities.

This will begin on

Junior Only	Infants	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Thursday 14/09/2017
Senior	Infants Only	2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Friday 15/09/2017
1 st & 2 nd Class		3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Thursday 14/09/2017

NEW FAMILIES

A number of new families have joined our school this September. These families have children enrolled in classes from Junior Infants – 6th Class. We hope that they will have a pleasant transition and that they will enjoy the on-going activities in our school community. I am depending on the more established families to engage with all new-comers and make them aware of the many activities and societies in our busy school. Let me compliment you and your children for your kindness and ever-readiness to include new families in our community.

Due to an increase in pupil numbers for this school year 2017/18 Cullina National School will be making an additional teaching

This activity will be run independently from our school and all correspondence (relating to cost etc.) is to be made directly with Amy (0873361652). Amy has distributed leaflet to all the classes involved

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

This year our Anti Bullying Week is from Monday October 9th to Friday October 13th. Further details and information to follow.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

If for some reason you wish to speak to a teacher, please make an appointment in advance of your visit as we cannot have classes interrupted without prior notification.

KILLARNEY CREDIT UNION:

Once again Killarney Credit Union are running the School Savings Scheme in our school this year commencing Tuesday 19th September.

Clean Sweep

Now that the children have gone back to school how about doing a clean – sweep in your house. Please donate all your new & used mens/womens & childrens clean unwanted clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, ties, linens, household textiles, stuffed toys, etc. Please drop them into the school and not in the clothes bin in the car park on or before Thursday 28th September 2017.

HSE South (Cork & Kerry) School Health Service

If you have a child in Jnr or Snr Infants or if you are a new family to our school coming from a school outside of Ireland a note has been given to your child today relating to the screening and immunization programme for the current school year (please see

TEAM TEACHING

Team Teaching / Station Teaching will continue as part of our School Self Evaluation plan. Our school has invested heavily in Graded Readers and Graded Comprehension Cards for all classes. This Graded System was introduced two years ago and differentiates the Curriculum to provide for a Progression Continuum for each individual child with regard to their ability and learning.

Team Teaching / Station Teaching will further this initiative to afford children the opportunity to work in small groups with a teacher.

Please be patient with changes in homework, assignments, etc. in English. As a staff we are very confident in the success of the programme and we look forward to introducing it to your children the school year 2017/18.

Key factors in the success of this programme are -

- Careful planning

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– a – Parent :

If you have not received a text in conjunction with this newsletter please contact the school immediately as you may not be included, inadvertently, in our list for Text – a – Parent.

Wedding Bells! Were in the air this Summer.

Congratulations to the following members of staff who got married this summer!

Ms Alison Tuohy who got married to Mr John Sheehan

Ms Elaine McGuire who got married to Mr Florence McCarthy

Congratulations to **Ms Emma Dennehy** who got engaged to Mr

A Special Thank you to our Caretaker Mike

A special thank you to Mike Coffey our Caretaker who worked so hard over the Summer Holidays to ensure that our School and Grounds were in an impeccable order for our return.

School Year 2017 - 2018

R oo m	Class	Numbers	Teacher
8	Junior Infants	25 (13 Boys 12 Girls)	Elaine McGuire
3	Senior Infants 1st Class	15 (5 Boys 10 Girls) 11 (7 Boys 4 Girls) + 1 integrated	Michelle McLaughlin
2	2nd Class	20 (8 Boys 12 Girls) + 1 integrated	Catherine O'Shea
1	3rd Class	23 (12 Boys 11 Girls) + 1 Integrated	Siobhán Hayes
4	4th Class	19 (10 Boys 9 Girls) + 1 Integrated	Jemma Doyle
5	5th Class	28 (11 Boys 17 Girls) + 1 integrated	Una Harmon
14	6th Class	22 (14 Boys 8 Girls) + 2 Integrated	Marie Murphy
12 6 13	Special Education Needs Support Teachers		Pat Fitzgerald Donal O'Sullivan Alison Sheehan
9	Junior Autism Unit	5 Boys	Sandra Walsh
10	Senior Autism Unit	4 Boys 1 Girl	Lorraine Counihan

Dates for your Diary

First Communion 2nd Class – Saturday 28th April 2018 at 10:30 a.m.
Confirmation 6th Class – to be decided

Looking forward to a new and enjoyable school year 2017/18

Maire Bx Uí Chroinín

