Scoil Naomh Chaitríona



Newsletter - September

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Dear Parents

With the first month under our belt we are well and truly settled back into the school routine. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our 13 new children. (7 junior infants and 6 more pupils who've joined various classes throughout the school). We wish you and your families well and hope you have had a pleasant first month in Scoil Chaitríona. We have had an exciting start to the school year with our new gates installed, our hot meals on the go and some fun additions to the school yard.

Important Dates Coming Up

October 8th (Friday): GOAL Jersey Day – Children can wear a jersey of their choice and we ask that you donate €2 to charity.

October 22nd (Friday): We close for a week for the Halloween Mid Term Break

November 3rd (Wednesday): Photographer is visiting the school

November 12th (Friday): We close at 12:30 for a Staff In Service Training Day

November 18th (Thursday): Parent Teacher Meetings. (Hopefully Face to Face Again) School finishes at 2:00pm

Birthdays: A very Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthdays in September;

Luca (11), Mia (9), Dara (6), Jimmy Brian (6), Ezechiel (5), J.J. (5)

New Staff Members

I am delighted to introduce the two newest members of our staff. We offer a warm welcome to Sarah O'Loughlin who will be an SNA in Mr. Carr's room and Lorraine Sweeney who is a shared Resource Teacher (Holy Family NS) and comes to us each Wednesday. Both ladies have hit the ground running and have endeared themselves to the children already.





News and Upcoming Events

First Holy Communion

Our 3rd Class made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18th September. The boys and girls looked great on the day and were excellent at saying their prayers. Ms O'Reilly and I were very proud. Well Done!

Hot Lunches

The hot lunches are proving to be very popular. Our children find them delicious and we have noticed an improvement in moods and energy levels throughout the day. By now most children have settled on their favourite meals but should you need to change, remember to do so by Midnight each Friday. The Chicken curry, Meatballs and Pasta Mozzarella seem to be very popular so far.

Nut Free Zone

Just a gentle reminder that we are a nut free zone in Scoil Chaitríona due to serious allergies in our school. This includes Nutella Spread.

Gaelic Football

Mr Kelly has started Gaelic football training on Wednesdays after school on the grass pitch at Colaiste. This week started with girls' training and the boys will start next week.

Facebook Page and School Website

Be sure to follow the school Facebook Page and Website to view all our latest news and photographs. The website has its own app called Schools Ireland which you can download (Search for Scoil Naomh Chaitríona) and receive notifications when a news item, document, policy or photograph is posted

Covid and Contact Tracing

As of Monday 27th the HSE will no longer be carrying out contact tracing in primary schools. This means you won't hear of pods or groups being sent home from school. The HSE does advise that we continue to be extra vigilant and if your child is feeling unwell at all that they stay at home.



Some Snaps from the Junior Room

