



# Scoil Naomh Chaitríona

## Newsletter – August

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### Dear Parents

I hope you have all had a safe and enjoyable summer break. The holidays are nearing an end and we are already preparing for the return to school. We are very excited about welcoming you all back on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August. In particular, we look forward to greeting all the new families who are joining our school community. Below I have included some information and dates to keep in mind.

### Important Dates Coming Up

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August:** Book Bill Payment Evening in School (5.00pm -6.00pm)

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August:** Book Bill Payment Evening in School (5.00pm -6.00pm)

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August:** All children return to school

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September:** First full day for Junior infants (2.00pm)



### Back to School Checklist

- ✓ School Uniform. (School Tracksuit may be worn on Tuesday and Thursdays for P.E.)
- ✓ Schoolbag and Pencil Case. All books and stationery will be provided by the school but children are welcome to bring their own stationery.
- ✓ School Lunches. Please remember to choose your child's lunch online. If you have forgotten your password click [here](#).
- ✓ Your child will need to bring their own bottle of water.
- ✓ Doors open at 9.10 am and school begins at 9.20 am. If your child is later than this they will be marked down as late.

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## News and Upcoming Events

### New Additions to our Teaching Staff

As I mentioned in our June newsletter, we have been awarded an additional teacher due to the rise in our enrolment number. This will be of great benefit to our school and students, reducing the teacher pupil ratio and ensuring each room only has two classes.

We are delighted to welcome Ms. Aoife Coen to our teaching staff. Ms. Coen has a wealth of teaching experience having taught in Glenswilly NS, Dromore NS and Tallaght, Dublin. She has a particular passion for special education and she will be joining our S.E.T. team alongside Mr Gallagher. Mr Bracken will be moving to the classroom with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class.

**Infants:** Ms O'Reilly                      **1<sup>st</sup>/ 2<sup>nd</sup> class:** Mr. Carr

**3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> class :** Mr Bracken              **5<sup>th</sup>/ 6<sup>th</sup> class :** Mr Kelly

**S.E.T Team:** Will include Mr Gallagher and Ms. Coen.

### HSCL Post

We would also like to give a warm welcome to Anita McGinn who will be our Home School Community Liaison (shared with Holy Family NS and Gaelscoil Eirne). The aim of this scheme is to promote partnership and collaboration between home, school and the community to enable every child to get the most out of their education. The HSCL scheme tries to make school life as enjoyable as possible. It recognises the key role of parents and the home environment, and seeks to strengthen ties between home life and school life.

### Back to school expenses

September can be a very difficult and expensive month for lots of families. This year more than ever, given the current cost of living, families may find the back-to-school expenses particularly challenging.

If you wish you may pay for your book bills in installments. You can discuss this with Lucy on one of our book payment evenings.

We also have an excellent relationship with SVDP who have been a great support to the school and our families in giving contributions towards book bills. If you wish to avail of this support you can contact them at 087 6628833.