

Reminders

Supervision

The school day starts at 9:00 am and finishes at 1:40pm for Infants and 2:40pm for all others. Therefore children who are on the school grounds before or after these times will not be supervised. Please make any necessary arrangements which may be needed in this regard.

Car Park

School Car Park is for staff only. When parking please do not park at school exit or in the Bus area. Please encourage your children to only use the pedestrian exit. This is for the Health & Safety of all pupils.

Sport

Under 11 Boys & Girls Football and Soccer is under way. Keep an eye out for upcoming matches. All support will be greatly appreciated.

NEWB

As per NEWB regulations, please be sure to send in a note to class teacher following an absence outlining dates and reason for the absence.

Holidays & School Closures

A full list of the school holidays and closures is available on our school website www.bmesch.ie/calendar

Junior Infant Parents

A follow-up meeting will be held on **Wednesday September 26th** for Junior Infant Parents @ 1:30pm

Photographer

A photographer from County Photos will be coming to the school on Thursday 27th September. More information to follow.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Scoil Mhuire Staff



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Welcome Back

A big Welcome Back to all the staff, pupils and parents for the start of the new school year. I hope you all had a lovely summer and took advantage of the fine weather. I'm sure all the batteries are recharged, and everyone is looking forward to the year ahead.

A special welcome to our new Junior Infants. We have 26 new Infants with us this year and we wish them, their parents and Ms Mansfield all the best for their first year in school.



History has also been made this year in Scoil Mhuire with the start of our first Pre School class. We welcome them and their teachers Nicola & Caroline and we hope they have a lovely start to life here in Scoil Mhuire.

GDPR

There is much talk about GDPR these days and the processing of data in schools and elsewhere. Please be assured that the information we have on any pupil in our school will not be shared with any third party unless your consent as parents has been sought and granted. Any information is always kept securely in our school.

Enrolment & Staffing

We are very hopeful that our enrolment this year will allow us to keep our classes as they are. We would not like to be in a position whereby we would need to split any more classes.

Unfortunately we said goodbye to Ms Louise Kearns this year. Ms Kearns was here with us for a number of years and was a very valuable member of the teaching staff. We wish her all the best in her new role in Kilcullen. We are delighted to welcome Ms Mulroy and Mr Stone along with Bridget Stenson our new SNA to our team here in Scoil Mhuire.

Uniforms

As we start the new year I feel it is important to remind everyone of the importance of wearing our full uniform to school. Children are expected to wear their full uniform everyday except on days when they have PE or are going swimming or to a match. Junior Infants are allowed wear their tracksuits to school each day. **Please label all items of school uniform.** We would also ask that children would come to school without hair-dyes or wearing fake tan and without designs or patterns in their hair from now on.

Healthy Lunches

This is just a reminder that we have a healthy lunch policy in place in our school and we encourage all parents to ensure their children have enough healthy options for lunch. Please try to limit the sugary content as much as possible and we allow children (& teachers!!!) to have one small treat on a Friday.

Summer Work

You may have noticed some small changes to the front of the school. During the summer we had to say goodbye to some of our trees for health and safety reasons. We also raised the canopy there to open the area which we hope to develop as an outdoor space as the year goes on.



We also did much work on one of our rooms, which can now be used for O.T, as a sensory room and for group work. I would like to thank Gabriel our caretaker, Fergus Daly and Fergal Byrne for all their help on this. We purchased 15 laptops and a charging trolley for use by the students and we will be adding

to the pupil Ipads we currently have. We have also invested in a Guided Reading programme for our pupils in First class and they will be starting this soon. All of this expenditure was made possible following last year's Oskars fundraiser organised by the Parents Association for which we are very grateful.



