

St. Patrick's N.S

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to a new academic year in St. Patrick's N.S. The children are settling well and we are looking forward to a great year ahead. Thank you for all of your support with the return to school.

Mrs. Kirwan

New Pupils

We were delighted to welcome our new students to Junior Infants. They are settling into their new routines very well. We also welcomed some new students to other classes in the school. We look forward to getting to know them all throughout the year.

Drop off and collection:

Please ensure that parents/guardians/childminders wear a mask at drop off and collection times. This is for the safety of everyone. Please also ensure you do not congregate either inside or outside the gates.

Parking in the church grounds is for staff and church personnel only. Please do not drive through the gates at drop off or pick up as it poses a huge safety risk to children exiting the school.

Access to school through the rear gate:

A reminder to all parents/guardians that there is **no vehicular access allowed** for school traffic at the rear of the school (Church Road). It is a residential area and not be used by pupils unless travelling to school on foot or by bike/scooter.



School closures

Midterm Break

School closes on Friday 22nd October for midterm break. We reopen on Monday 1st November 2021

Christmas Holidays

School closes for Christmas holidays on Wednesday 22nd December 2021. We reopen on Thursday 6th January 2022.

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Dogs

Please ensure that all dogs are kept on a lead when dropping and collecting your child from school. Please also remember to clean up after your dog and put the bag in the bin.

E-payments

All families have been issued with a payment link for school books and resources. Thank you to everyone that has paid. If you have not yet received this link, please contact the school office to confirm your email address and the link will be reissued. If for any reason you are not in a position to make a payment, please contact Mrs. Kirwan directly as there is a grant available to the school for those who require assistance. The matter will be dealt with in the strictest confidence

The Lunch Bag:

The Lunch Bag service has recommenced this year. This service can be used as little or as often as you like. If you feel it is something you would consider for your child you can download the app; The Lunch Bag and register your child. Lunches will be delivered to the school each morning. More details can be found at www.thelunchbag.ie or by emailing info@thelunchbag.ie

PTA Update:

The first PTA meeting of our new school year took place on 7th September 2021. The committee & class reps are as follows:

Chair: Sorcha Duggan

Vice: Katie Vanston

Secretary: Diane Weatherup

Treasurer: David Armstrong

Communications: Hugh Delap

Afterschool: Paul Maher

Green Rep: Katie O'Brien

PTA teacher: Jenny Newton

J. Infants: Sheena McGinley

S. Infants: Katie Toomey

1st Class: Alice Rooney

2nd Class: Claire Kelleher

3rd Class: Katie O'Brien

4th Class: Deborah Healy

5th Class: Paul Maher

6th Class: Katie Vanston

Fundraising:

The PTA hope to raise €5000 towards purchasing a new suite of laptops for the school. St. Patrick's currently has 15 laptops which are over 10 years old. We hope to organise fundraising events very soon. We will be in contact when events are permitted.



School activities update

Sailing lessons:

Sailing commences for 2nd-6th class on Monday 13th September 2021. Please contact the PTA for further information.

Morning Mile:

Miss Furney is hoping to commence the Morning Mile run very soon with 3rd/4th class on a Monday & 5th/6th class on a Friday. If you don't want your child to take part please advise their class teacher.

Unfortunately we are not able to offer any further after school activities at the moment as it would involve mixing pods indoors. This will be reviewed later in the school year in line with government guidelines.

We will not commence swimming in Castlepark for 1st-6th for the moment. We will review this decision after Christmas.