



St John the BaptistBNS

NEWSLETTER

September 2023



Welcome Back - Fáilte ar ais and a special welcome to our 27 new Junior Infants and new pupils who have started in other classes throughout the school. We're delighted with the start that everyone has made and look forward to creating many happy memories throughout the year.

Don't Forget...



Aladdin Connect is our main method of home-school communication. If you've not downloaded the app or are struggling to do so, please contact the office or our Home School Community Liaison Rachel Hayes @ 089 4878635 (Phone, Text, Whatsapp)



Everyone should now have a code for the Lunch Bag App so you can order your son's hot lunches. Any problems, contact Rachel or the office. Hot lunches for Junior Infants start on Mon 18 Sept.

Dates For Your Diary

- ❖ Gaelic Football Coaching (2nd to 6th) every Thursday
- ❖ Swimming in 3rd classes and 4th class throughout September and into October
- ❖ Cycling in Rang 5. First Session is Mon 11 Sept.
- ❖ **Cooking For The Family** (contact Rachel to register) First Session is Weds 20 September
- ❖ Cross County (3rd to 6th) in Thurles on Weds 27 September (Training Tues and Thurs lunchtimes)
- ❖ Parent Association AGM Thurs 28 Sept @ 8pm in school halla
- ❖ Please support our friends in the **Cashel Arts Festival** Programme runs from 14-17 September. More at www.cashelartsfest.com

Special Events/Activities/News/Curriculum News



September is Friendship Month in our school. We'll be doing lots of different activities on this theme throughout the month. Our Playground Rule is **"Kind Hands, Kind Feet, Kind Words"**. The Department of Education has published a new maths curriculum for children in primary and special schools. The curriculum sets out what children will learn in maths in every school. Under the guidance of Mrs O'Donoghue (Ms Crosse) we're already actively engaging with this new curriculum. More information by clicking on this link if looking at this electronically: [Information for Parents on New Maths Curriculum](#). We're also delighted to announce that **our school, the girls' and the Deanery have been successful in our application for a Creative School Cluster grant**. The project will run over two years as we focus on the Arts and creating new experiences for the pupils of all three schools.

Reminders: - Boys can wear dark coloured shorts (navy, blue, grey, black) throughout the month of September only! Infants to 2nd wear tracksuits Monday, Weds and Friday unless teacher tells you otherwise. 2nd/3rd (Mr Kennedy) to 6th wear tracksuits on Tuesday and Thursday.

-**Water only, please. No diluted water or juices.**

-Our Junior Infants finish at 12pm until Friday 15 September. From Monday 18 Sept onwards, they will finish at 2pm.

-If possible, consider walking to school or "park 'n' stride" Traffic is chaotic at the moment as all the staff cars are on the road.

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