

St. Conaire's Newsletter – September 13th 2017

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to welcome all our pupils back to school. In particular, we welcome our new pupils as they start with us here in St. Conaire's. Our new Junior Infants have settled in well and bring new excitement to the school. We wish them and their families well for the coming year as they embark on their different learning journeys. We hope that this will be an enriching year for all the members of our school community. The school calendar is available online at www.conaires.ie

Yours sincerely,
Peter Walsh,
Principal

Website: Our web address is www.conaires.ie You will find all relevant information and updates there. Please visit the website also to see our gallery of school activities.

Homework Club: We are starting a Homework Club this month for 5th and 6th class pupils. This is in response to parental requests and the club will begin on Monday, September 18th. Parents have already been surveyed and there is a high level of interest. A Homework Policy and sign-up sheet will be sent home shortly.

Mass to mark the start of the school year: Mass will be celebrated in Ss. John & Paul Church for all pupils from 1st to 6th on Friday, September 22nd at 11:00. All parents are welcome to attend.

Tracksuits/Uniforms: The new tracksuits have arrived and are being distributed this week. *Please write your child's name on his/her uniform and tracksuit so we can reunite lost items with their owners.* Pupils are required to wear their tracksuits on designated days; uniform must be worn on all other days.

Contact Information Sheets: Contact sheets have been distributed to each child and are now due back to the class teachers. This is necessary to keep our contact records up to date. **It is a parent's responsibility to inform us of any changes in contact details. ALL SHEETS MUST BE RETURNED BY THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH.**

Parking: Please do not enter the staff car parks at the front and rear of the school at drop-off/collection times as these areas have to be kept clear at all times. The rear car park is for playschool and school staff only for safety reasons.

First Communion Preparation/Registration: A meeting for parents of pupils in 2nd class will take place in the school assembly hall at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20th. More details will follow.

School Field Update: The trees around the playing field have been tidied and a fence installed around the perimeter of the field over the summer break. Work on the playing surface has been delayed owing to the poor weather. We hope to restart work if we get a good dry spell.

Wolfe Tones Academy: Every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. Senior Infants, First and Second Class pupils are most welcome for an hour of fun and fitness. Please support our local GAA club. We will soon be taking orders for hurleys and helmets which are on offer at a very reasonable price.

Shannon Festival 2017: Congratulations to Isaac Carew Finn and Erin O'Brien who won prizes last weekend at the Shannon Festival. We thank all pupils and teachers who took part and there was a massive response from St. Conaire's.

After School Activities

1. **Traditional Music with Mary Liddy:** Classes with Mary Liddy will start in the school on Tuesday, September 19th at 5 pm with beginner musicians. All are welcome.
2. **Irish Dancing:** Irish dancing classes continue in the school hall. More details from Mairead on (086) 3752009 or Daniel on (085) 7503103.
3. **Dance Masters School of Dance:** Shelly Naughton will be holding classes in the school every Thursday (1st to 3rd class) and every Friday (4th to 6th class) from 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm. Classes start on September 8th. More details from Shelly on (086) 1703053.
4. **Creative Concepts Drama Classes:** Classes has started on Tuesday, September 12th in the school. Bookings are accepted over the phone. Please ring Lorraine on 086 8485229 to get more information or make a booking.

Agreed Report from the Board of Management, September 12th 2017: The following items were agreed at the Board of Management meeting on September 12th, 2017: (1) A special meeting will be held on October 7th to formulate plans for the school's Jubilee year in 2018/2019. (2) The establishment of the Homework Club was approved and welcomed. (3) The Board approved participation in all football, hurling, camogie, basketball and soccer competitions for the new school year. (4) The Board will monitor enrolments and attendance levels for the coming school year. (5) The Board approved the establishment of the Literacy Lift-Off Initiative in First Class and noted the continuation of in-class support work at all class levels – these include Ready, Set, Go Maths, Mata sa Rang, Guided Reading and other Literacy and Numeracy Work.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Walsh
Principal Teacher