

St. Conaire's Newsletter – September 7th, 2016

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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

This year marks the retirement of Mr. O'Brien. We thank him most sincerely for his contribution over many years to the school. This year, we welcome Ms. Moore, Ms. Gough, Ms. Bulfin, Ms. Quinn, and Ms. Finucane to the school teaching staff. We will also have the services of Ms. Griffin from Clonmoney NS and Mr. Duggan from Stonehall NS on a part-time basis.

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.

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.**

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 21st. The speaker will be Dr. Dan O'Connell of Mary Immaculate College in Limerick. Dr. O'Connell is one of the co-authors of the programme which is being introduced to schools this year. More details will follow.

Wolfe Tones Academy: Every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. Senior Infants, First and Second Class pupils are most welcome.

Shannon Festival 2016: Best wishes to the Shannon Festival which takes place in Skycourt this weekend.

See overleaf for more information

After School Activities

1. **Traditional Music with Mary Liddy:** Classes with Mary Liddy will start in the school on Tuesday, September 13th at 5 pm with beginner musicians. All are welcome.
2. **German Classes:** German classes for pupils from fourth to sixth classes will resume on Thursday, September 15th here in St. Conaire's. Classes will take place after school every Thursday, from 2.40-3.40. German is learned through fun using games such as bingo, songs, poems and even doing puzzles. Topics that are studied are from the first year German curriculum in secondary school. Small classes guaranteed. If you would like to enrol or need further information please contact Ms Tracey Pyne on 087-6311848
3. **Irish Dancing:** Irish dancing classes continue in the school hall. The Hasty Flannagan Academy of Irish Dancing will hold an enrolment night in the school on September 7th at 6 p.m. More details from Mairead on (086) 3752009 or Daniel on (085) 7503103.
4. **Karate Classes** take place in Ryano's Fitness Gym with instructor Pawel Cyganik. Call (087) 2767664 for more details.
5. **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.

School Dates for September to December Term

October Mid-Term Closed October 31 to November 4 inclusive
Christmas Holidays Closed December 23 to January 9, 2017 inclusive

Please refer to www.conaires.ie for a full list of dates.