

St. Conaire's Newsletter – September 6th 2019

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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 years. 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 We set up the Aladdin Connect app before the 2019 summer holidays to improve communications. All bulletins and messages will now be issued through Aladdin Connect so please make sure you are signed up.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Walsh,
Principal

Maria O'Driscoll
Deputy 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. The website has been updated for our Jubilee Year.

Mass to mark the start of the 2019/2020 school year: Mass will be celebrated in Ss. John & Paul Church for all pupils from 1st to 6th on **Wednesday, September 25th at 11:00**. All parents are welcome to attend.

Holy Communion Preparation: The first preparation Mass for pupils in 2nd class will take place at 10 am on Sunday, September 22nd in Ss. John & Paul Church. There will be an information meeting hosted by Fr. Arnold Rosney in the school on Thursday, September 26th at 7:30 pm. More details to follow.

Junior Infant Pupils: Juniors will finish at 12 noon every day up to and including Friday, September 13th. The infants' first day finishing at 1:35 pm will be Monday, September 16th.

Windows and Doors Upgrade Project: New ramps have been installed at the rear of the school as well as one new ramp at the front. The windows and doors in the school will be replaced in the coming weeks and we will be keeping you informed about this closer to the time.

Art Exhibition by Philip Brennan: Philip Brennan, well-known Clare artist and former staff member of St. Conaire's, will be holding an exhibition of paintings entitled *Clare Moments* in the Great Hall, Templegate Hotel, Ennis on Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 at 8 pm. Enquiries to (086) 3576929 or www.philipbrennan.com

Tracksuits/Uniforms: *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.

Homework Club 2019/2020: Homework Club will be starting next Monday, September 9th. Details will be sent out by the Aladdin Connect app.

Contact Information Sheets: Contact sheets (yellow in colour) 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 must be kept clear at all times. The rear car park is for playschool and school staff only for safety reasons. We ask you not to park cars near Cassley's Butchers as staff there have been blocked from their premises. Also, the horseshoe area at the rear of the school is **not** for dropping off children. Please use Wolfe Tones na Sionna car park as there is plenty of space available there.

St. Senan's Rugby Club Registration Day 2019: Registrations will take place at 11 am in St. Senan's Rugby Club on Sunday, September 8th, 2019. All are welcome. More information is available from Niall Dowds on (086) 8246412.

Summer Reading Stars 2019: Don't forget to return your completed Summer Reading Star Card to Shannon Library to receive your certificate.

Andy's Cycle for Autism: Andy's 850 km Edinburgh to Shannon Cycle for Autism will arrive in Wolfe Tones na Sionna GAA Club at 4 pm on Saturday, September 7th. More details from Wolfe Tones na Sionna.

After School Activities

1. **Traditional Music with Mary Liddy:** Classes with Mary Liddy take place in the school every Tuesday evening at 5pm.
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 dance lessons (1st to 6th class) in the school every Thursday from 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm. More details from Shelly on (086) 1703053.
4. **Creative Concepts Drama Classes:** Classes start on Wednesday, September 25th in the school. Bookings are accepted over the phone. Please ring Lorraine on 086 8485229 to get more information or make a booking.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Walsh
Principal Teacher

Maria O'Driscoll
Deputy Principal