

St. Conaire's Newsletter – September 13th, 2022

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to welcome all our pupils and back to school. We hope everyone will have an enjoyable and productive school year. 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 to their respective classes.

Junior Infants: The Junior Infant Collection time from Monday, September 12th will be at 1:35 pm.

Gate times: The two school gates will open at 8:45 am and will be locked at 8:55 am. Latecomers must come into the school by the main door at the secretary's office. The gates must be closed on time to ensure safety and to enable staff get to their classroom. If any message needs to get to your child's teacher, please contact the office on 061 364694 or email conaires@gmail.com with your child's name and the name of their teacher.

Developments at school: Significant safety and structural work has taken place inside the school over the summer months. These have been in relation to bringing school facilities into line with fire safety requirements and include the installation of new doors and emergency routes.

First Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation Dates for 2023

First Confession on Wednesday, January 25th at 7 pm

First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 29th at 11:00 am for both 2nd classes

Confirmation on Saturday, May 6th at 11 am for Mr. Glynn's class

Confirmation on Saturday, May 6th at 1:30 pm for Ms. Talty's class

Coats/Jackets: Pupils should bring a coat/jacket to school every day. Please ensure that their names are clearly marked on their jackets so that they can be returned to their proper owner.

Lunches: Please remember to send your child to school with a small break, a lunch and a drink. The school has a policy of promoting healthy eating and appropriate lunches. The Lunch Bag is a company that provides packed lunches to the pupils in the school. Parents may wish to use this service and more information is available from the office.

Absences: All absences **must** be explained by parents/guardians. This may be done on Aladdin Connect or by email/telephone message to the school.

Nut allergies: Please remember that we have several pupils with severe nut allergies in the school and nuts or products containing nuts must **never** be sent in with lunches.

Parking/Traffic: **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 always kept clear. We would encourage as many

parents as possible to walk their children to school. We also encourage parents to use the car park at the GAA club and to allow their children to walk in the back gate of the school.

Dates to note:

October 3rd, 2022: St. Conaire's NS will be closed for a full day for Primary Language Curriculum Training and a staff meeting

October 28th, 2022: St. Conaire's will be closed to facilitate autism training with the National Council for Special Education

Activities: The Daniel Flanagan School of Irish Dance is now enrolling for September 2022. Classes for beginners take place every Wednesday starting September 14th from 5-6pm in Tullyvarraga Hall. For more information contact Daniel on 085-7503103.

St. Senan's R.F.C are back training on Sundays at 11a.m. for U6-10 and Mondays at 6.30pm for U12's at Jimmy Slattery Park. New members welcome.

Dance Masters School of Dance: Shelley Naughton's dance classes for children will start in the GAA club hall on September 15th. Junior and Senior Infants will be from 2 to 3 pm and 1st to 6th classes from 3 to 4 pm. Cost is €7. Contact Shelley on 086 1703053 for more.

Appeal for loan of large school uniform jumpers: Muse Theatre Group are putting on a show later this year and have asked if any parents would have old school uniform jumpers they could borrow. They are looking for larger jumpers, i.e., 6th class size. If you have some and are able to help out, please let Theresa in the office know.

Shannon Family Resource Centre: Shannon Family Resource Centre offers a wide range of support services and activities for families in the Shannon area. More information is available from www.shannonfrc.com or (061) 707600. Opening hours are Monday – Thursday 9:30 am to 4:30 pm and Friday 9:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Car park and road safety: Pupils are not allowed to enter or leave the school through the staff car park at the front of the school. Please use the Cronan gate or the GAA gate. Please respect our neighbours when in the area of the school and use the GAA car park for drop off and collection.

Cash for Clobber: Our Parents Association will be resuming the Cash for Clobber Collection in the coming weeks and, as always, your support is greatly appreciated. More details will be sent out on Aladdin Connect.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Walsh
Principal Teacher