

St. Michael's & St. Patrick's N.S. (Roll No. 19720P)

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9<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.

Dear Parents,

**Welcome Back** We would like to welcome everyone back after the Summer Holidays. **A very special welcome to all our new students especially our 18 new Junior Infants.** Thank you to the Parents Association for organising our coffee morning for the new parents. It's great to see our new students settling in so well. From today, the Junior Infants had their first full day from 9.30 a.m. to 2.10 p.m. **We wish all our students a happy and fulfilling education in our school.**

#### **Parents Association updates**

The parents association would like to thank everyone who attended our coffee morning on the first day of school. It was lovely to see so many faces, new and old, and a very enjoyable morning was had by all.

We are organising a fashion masterclass fundraiser on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in Clancy's, Knockvicar. Stylist, Maria Carton, will demonstrate how to achieve your personal style, how to build and style outfits and how to shop successfully. Tickets will be on sale from **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** at the school gates each day and in Clancys. You can contact any member of the parents association for tickets also. Tickets are €25 and include a welcome glass of prosecco and finger food. All funds raised will go to the school and there will be a raffle on the night. We would love to see as many of you there as possible.

The parents association can be contacted through their email address ([cootehallpa@gmail.com](mailto:cootehallpa@gmail.com)). Please follow our new facebook page "Cootehall NS Parents Association" for the latest updates. The committee members are: Mary Cassidy, Megan Finan, Lisa Foley, Nicole Harney, Toni Kearney, Annie Noone, Louise Roche, Lorraine Sharkey, Mairead Smith and Jasmine Wilkins.

**School Closure** The school will be closed for all students on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September** as the staff will be undertaking In-service training for the Primary Maths Curriculum in Carrick-on-Shannon Education Centre.

**School Photos** The school photographer will be coming to our school on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**.

**Hurling Training** GAA Coach Proinsias Killion will be coming to the school on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** to teach the pupils some hurling skills.

**Community Games** Congratulations to all the students who took part in the Community Games National Finals in Carlow over the weekend. Cootehall National School was very well represented. The students did fantastically well bringing home Gold and Silver Medals.

P.E. for each class will be on the following days:

Ms. Tansey's/Ms. Brennan's Class	-	Monday and Wednesday
Ms. Conroy's Class	-	Wednesday
Mr. Conboy's Class	-	Wednesday and Friday
Ms. Tansey's Class	-	Thursday
Mr. Duffy's Class	-	Tuesday and Wednesday
Ms. Gilhooly's Class	-	Friday

Is it also recommended that shoes/runners with Velcro fastening or buckles are used until the students know how to tie their laces to help guard against accidents.

**Voluntary Contribution 2024/25** The school are requesting a contribution of **€30 per pupil**. This amount goes towards the cost of art supplies, photocopying and Pupil Personal Accident Insurance. We would be grateful if this contribution could be paid at your earliest convenience. This contribution can be paid through the online system [Way2Pay](#). Alternatively, this amount can be paid in instalments on the Way2Pay system, if it is more convenient for you. Please find attached Way2Pay Information Sheet and Way2Pay by instalments sheet.

**Homework Notebooks** There was a delay in the publication of the homework notebooks this year. They will be given out to the students at the end of the week.

**Contact Details** If there is any change in your contact details, please let the school know so we can update our data base. Click [here](#) for the contact details form.

**Absence Form** If your child is absent from school for any reason all parents/guardians must complete an Absence Form. Please complete the absence note which is located in the centre of your child's Homework Notebook or click [here](#) for the online Absence Form.

Communication between home and school will be by e mail, text, Aladdin and through our school website at the moment.

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please email the teacher, or leave a message on the school phone (071-9667264). We will endeavour to return your email or call as soon as possible.

Teachers can be contacted directly by email at the following email addresses:

Class	Teacher	Email address
Junior Infants & Senior Infants	Ms. Tansey/Ms. Brennan	dbrennanttansey@gmail.com
Senior Infants & 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Ms. Conroy	lconroycootehallns@gmail.com
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	Mr. Conboy	lccootehall@gmail.com
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class & 4 <sup>th</sup> Class	Ms. Tansey	m.tanseycootehallns@gmail.com
5 <sup>th</sup> Class	Mr. Duffy	cootehallns@gmail.com
6 <sup>th</sup> Class	Ms. Gilhooly	agilhoolyschool@gmail.com
Special Class	Ms. McLoughlin	christinemcloughlin90@gmail.com
S.E.T.	Ms. Martin	camartin053@gmail.com
S.E.T.	Ms. McManus	cootehallns@gmail.com
S.E.T.	Ms. Brennan	cootehallns@gmail.com
E.A.L.	Ms. Cregg	pcreggschool@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support.

*Cian Duffy*

Principal.