

Scoil an Chlochair



Meán Fómhair 2019

Céad Míle Fáilte Romhat ar ais!
Welcome to all families for the 2019-2020 school year. A particular word of welcome to all of our new children and families. We hope that your association with Scoil an Chlochair will be a happy and rewarding experience. Pictured on left are Mairead McCormack and Emma Flynn members of the victorious Westmeath Ladies Camogie team with Junior Infants.

Fáilte



School Staff 2019-2020

This year our school welcomes some new members of staff: Sinead McLoughlin in 4th class; Derek Davey in 3rd class (Blue); Robyn Grimes in 2nd class; Katie McDonnell and Aoife Finn- Special Education Teachers; Noeleen Costello- SNA.

Visiting the School

We are delighted to welcome back all of our children and families to the school this year. Please note that, for Health and Safety reasons, and as part of our Child Protection policies, parents and guardians must not enter the school building unless they have an appointment or are conducting business in the school office. If you wish to access the front yard, please walk around the school building (to the left from the church carpark). Similarly, if you wish to enter the rear yard from the Dublin Rd entrance, please walk around the new school building (turn right and go around the building). Doors will be closed until the school bell rings. Please do not use the door code to enter the school (Ring doorbell and wait for response). Please do not arrive in school yard before 9.10am. On wet mornings doors will open at 9.10am. (Please see the drop off and collection map on our website) Also please take care when dropping and collecting your child in the church car park or at the Dublin Road entrance. Please do not park in the set down areas and remember the speed limit is 5kph. Please speak to your child about being safe when entering and leaving school each day.

OCTOBER FUN RUN

Last year our school had a very successful Fun Run and raised funds for the purchase of a set of IPADs which are now up and running. This October we will have a sponsored run in order to raise funds for the purchase of Science equipment . More details will follow—keep an eye on the website and please support us if you can!



Communication

- Please let us know if you have changed any contact details so that we can ensure you receive all information.
- If your child is absent please phone the school office or send in a note of explanation to the class teacher.
- Our website is regularly updated at www.kilbeggannationalschool.com and you will find all our up to date news and past newsletters. On the website you will find all of our school policies and up to date information about what is happening in school .
- Contact the school at our email address office@kilbeggannationalschool.com or phone 0579333558

School Calendar 2019-2020

School Holidays

Halloween

School closed on..... Monday, 28th October

until school reopens on Monday, 4th November

Christmas

Monday, 23rd December

Monday, 6th January

February Mid-Term

Monday, 17th February

Monday, 24th February

Easter

Monday, 6th April

Monday, 20th April

Summer

School closes on Friday June 26th at 12noon

The school will also be closed for St Patrick's weekend on Monday, 16th and Tuesday, 17th March; for the May bank holiday on Monday, 4th May; for the June bank holiday on Monday, 1st June.. Parent teacher meetings will take place during the week commencing February 10th. There will be a number of teacher in-service days to be announced by the Department of Education and Skills. We will inform you of these as soon as possible. **Confirmation will take place on Thursday, 7th May at 11am. First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, 16th May at 11am.** Both ceremonies will take place in St James's.

MEETINGS

Board of Management—The Board of Management will complete it's term of office this year and a new Board will be appointed in December. Many thanks to our Chairperson Karen McCormack and all of the board members for their dedication to the school over the last four years. There will be an election of 2 parent representatives taking place during October and November .

Parent Association—Please consider joining our Parent's Association. The AGM will take place in October.

First Holy Communion A meeting for parents and guardians of those children in **2nd class** wishing to receive First Holy Communion will take place in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday, 2nd October at 7.30pm.**

Confirmation A meeting for parents and guardians of those children in **6th class** who wish to make Confirmation will take place on **Wednesday, October 9th at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre.

ALLIANZ SCHOOL INSURANCE SCHEME

If you wish your child to be included on the Allianz Pupil Personal Accident Insurance scheme please return the form and money to the school by Friday 27th September. (Cover begins from the day you make the payment to the school)

Please note that all children are covered by the school's insurance for all school activities.

Our School Uniform

Please ensure that your child's name is on each item of clothing as each year many items are lost and remain unclaimed.

Healthy Lunches

Here in Scoil an Chlochair we encourage healthy eating habits. To this end, we do not allow crisps, sweets, bars, fizzy drinks, peanuts, chocolate products and biscuits in the children's lunch boxes and we encourage you to provide healthy options such as: Sandwiches, fruit, yoghurt crackers and cheese milk/fruit drinks/milk shakes.

ARTS CRAFTS PHOTOCOPYING AND BOOK PAYMENT

Our Arts and Crafts and Photocopying payment is an important source of income for the school. It allows the school to provide for materials to help enhance your child's education. Additionally, with your support the school is providing Readers and a Newspaper to children in many classes. Thank you for support.

- For children in **Junior and Senior Infants** the contribution for Arts, Crafts and Photocopying is **€40 plus €10** for PM Readers and **€2** for Sound books . **Please pay the total amount of €52 during September.**
- For children in **1st and 2nd classes** the contribution for Arts, Crafts and Photocopying is **€40 plus €10** for PM Readers . **Please pay the total amount of €50 during September.**
- For children in **3rd 4th and 5th classes** the contribution for Arts, Crafts and Photocopying remains at **€40.** **Please pay the total amount of €40 during September.**
- For children in **6th class** the contribution for Arts, Crafts and Photocopying is **€40 plus €20** for Primary Planet. **Please pay the total amount of €60 during September**

A €10 reduction will apply to each 2nd and subsequent child in a family for Arts, Craft and Photocopying.
(2 children €70; 3+ children €100)

Swimming

Swimming will take place for **2nd 3rd 4th and 5th classes** six weeks commencing on Tuesday, 26th February.

The cost for swimming is €36

Payment Methods

Please place money in an envelope with your child's name (or children's names) and class they attend.

If you wish you may pay directly to the school bank account the details are as follows

Scoil an Chlochair , Bank of Ireland, Bridge St, Tullamore IBAN: **IE46BOFI90190943774700**

Please use your child's initials and class as reference (eg FG2nd)