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Méan Fomhair 2015

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A very special welcome to all of our new children and families. There has been great excitement with the opening of our new classrooms and office facilities. Thanks to all parents, students, staff - for your patience during construction .

In order to reduce costs and also to protect our environment the school will increasingly use our school website, emails and texts in order to communicate with families. Please keep an eye on the website <u>www.kilbeggannationalschool.com</u> for up to date information.

Wishing all of our children and their families all the best for the 2015-2016 school year.

Refugee Crisis

Our school would like to help those families who have been displaced in Syria, the Middle East and Africa. We are asking that our families help in the following ways:

- Each family is asked to send in a plastic/ziploc bag with toothbrush, toothpaste and bar of soap. (please send in by Monday 21st September)
- Support the collection taking place in **St James's Hall** for the next three Saturdays (starting September 19th) between **10am and 4pm.** Good quality clothing, shoes and bedding items (sleeping bags –not duvets).
- Our school will be supporting GOAL on Jersey Day which takes place on **Friday**, **October 9**th. On this day all of the children are asked to wear their favourite jersey/t-shirt and make a contribution to GOAL who are also working to alleviate the refugees.

<u>Ar scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine</u> **Thank you for your support**

Parents' Council AGM Open Night Tuesday 22nd September

8pm Each year the Parents' Council work actively in support of the children and the school. We would like to encourage all parents, but especially the parents of new children, to come to the AGM. Through the Parents' Council you can meet up with other members of the school community as well as

contribute to your child's wellbeing. Last year was a very successful year for our Parents' Council and the school is very grateful to the outgoing members for all of the hard work done on behalf of the school.

PLEASE SUPPORT BY ATTENDING and come and view the new school

Arts, Crafts & Photocopying

The contribution for Arts, Crafts and Photocopying is **€40 per child**. This can be paid as one payment of **€**40 before the end of September or two installments of **€**20 (in September and January).

- A €10 reduction will apply to each 2nd and subsequent child in a family. (2 children €70; 3+ children €100)
- When sending this money into school please place it in an envelope and write your child's name on the envelope.
- Swimming will take place for six weeks for 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th classes commencing in February. There is a charge of €36 which will be collected at that time.

Attendance

Parents please note that the class roll call takes place first thing each morning. In order to ensure your child is not marked absent please have them in school on time or else please inform the school if your child will be absent for the day or part of the day.

If your child is absent please call the school office. You may also use the absence notes which you will find at the back of the homework diary.

Uniform and PE day

 Please observe the uniform rules plain navy trousers/skirt/pinafore (navy shorts in good weather) or tracksuit bottoms
The following is PE Day for each of the classes for this term. On PE Days the children should wear their tracksuits and runners for health and safety purposes

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• Lost property - Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on all parts of the uniform. We already have a number of items handed into lost property. Please check at the office.

SCHOOL INSURANCE SCHEME

Forms will be given to every family in the school. If you wish your child to be included on the Allianz

Insurance scheme please return the form and money to the school **by Friday 2nd October 2015**

School Calendar 2015-2016

| Tuesday Sept 1 st | School Opens |
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| Mon 26 th - Fri 30 th Oct | Halloween Mid-term |
| Tues 22 nd Dec | Christmas close 12 |
| Wednesday 6 th Jan | School Reopens |
| Thurs/Fri 18 th /19 th Feb | Midterm closed |
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| Wed 16 th March | School closes at 12 for Easter |
| Wed 16 th March Monday 4 th April | |
| | for Easter |
| Monday 4 th April | for Easter School reopens |
| Monday 4 th April Monday 2 nd May | for Easter School reopens School closed |

Reminder

• Office All visitors to the school (this includes parents and guardians) must first report to the school office when visiting the school. If you wish to take your child out of school early you must sign them out in our 'signing out book' located in the school office.

• Julia has taken a year out and we wish her well. Welcome to Florrie Gill in the office, Mr Damien Healy in 5^{th} class and Irene Hanlon SNA.

• Car Park Please observe a 5kph speed limit in the church car park. Please park in designated parking spaces only and <u>not in bus</u> bays or set down area.

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Have you changed your Phone Number? Please inform the school if you have changed any of your contact details at Phone(057) 9333558/9333559/9332338 Or email cpskoffice@eircom.net



WEBSITE

www.kilbeggannationalschool.com has all our up to date news and past newsletters with full colour photos