



Dear Parents/Guardians,

June 17th 2016

Enclosed please find your child's school report and the calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. Further information regarding the Drumcondra Standardised Tests in Maths and English may be found on the school website www.kilbeggannationalschool.com.

Scoil an Chlochair will reopen on **Thursday, September 1st 2016 at 9.20 am**. The following are the arrangements for classes for the school year 2016-2017.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Special Education Needs Teachers</u>
JI	Ms Guilfoyle	Ms Dunne
SI blue	Ms Campbell	Mr Gallen
SI red	Ms McCormack	Ms Treacy
1 st	Mr Seery	
2 nd	Mrs Jones	<u>Special Needs Assistants</u>
3 rd	Ms O'Neill	Mona Kelly
4 th	Ms Nolan (Ms Watts on leave)	Irene Hanlon
5 th	Mr Healy	Debbie Coughlan
6 th	Mr Moore	

Arts Crafts and Photocopying The contribution is for *Arts, Crafts and Photocopying* is €40. **Please pay the total amount of €40 in one or two instalments (September and January).**

- A €10 reduction will apply to each 2nd and subsequent child in a family for *Arts, Craft and Photocopying*. (2children €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.
- The amount for Junior and Senior Infants and 6th class is higher because of the addition of extra materials

Uniform With regard to the uniform, parents and guardians are asked to abide by the code. Please ensure that for PE days the children have *plain navy* tracksuits and in particular plain tracksuit bottoms (no stripes). We also allow the children to wear *plain navy shorts* in warm weather. It is very important for the children to abide by the uniform code and we ask that you please try to ensure that your child is in the correct uniform each day.

Attendance Congratulations to all of the children who had good attendance in 2015-2016. Eight of our children achieved perfect attendance. The reports show your child's attendance from September 2014 to the 31st of May 2016.

This year has seen a higher proportion of children missing school more school days than in previous years. (The attendance rate in 2015-2016 was **93.94%**. The attendance rate for 2014-2015 was **94.72%**) We would ask that all families make a special effort in 2016-2017 to help reverse this trend by ensuring that children only miss days of school in exceptional circumstances.

Sports Swimming will take place during the spring term of 2017 for 2nd 3rd 4th and 5th classes. We hope to be able to provide pitch and putt for 6th class, classes and tennis for all in the summer term. Thanks to Alan McCormack, John Burns, Shane Gorry and James Finnegan for their support over the past year.

Parents' Association Thanks again to the Parents Council and to Chairperson Martina Rochfort for all their excellent work in the past year. The talks that took place through the National Parents Association were very well received by all who attended. We are particularly delighted with our new playground facilities which have really transformed our yards and made our outside environment a very pleasant one. This is all thanks to the fundraising efforts of our Parents Council and the support from you, the families of the school. **Don't forget the grand opening of the playground and BBQ which will take place on Saturday June 18th.**

Finally..... This school year has been a very special one filled with great joy and also much sadness. Julia Dalton has informed us that she will not be returning. We wish her every success in the future and thank her for her service and dedication to the school for the past 16 years. Julia will truly be missed. Congratulations to Brenda Watts and John Campbell on the birth of Jack. Both Brenda and Jack are doing well and should be home soon.

We think of our many families who have suffered a loss over the course of the past year. Our school has lost a treasured staff member in **Regina McMahon** this year. Regina was with the school for 15 years and was a loyal and dedicated member of staff with a calm air and great wit which is truly missed. We would like to invite all of our families to a prayer service at **11.30am in the school hall on Wednesday June 22nd** in which we remember her and all of those who are no longer with us.

On behalf of the Board of Management and staff at the school we would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very happy and safe summer.

Karen McCormack
Chairperson BOM

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Principal

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