



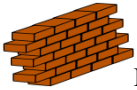
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Newsletter for September 2016

Welcome back to all our pupils and a special welcome to all the new Junior Infants. We hope that you will be very happy in Scoil Mhuire. **This week we are celebrating Lucky to be Me fortnight.** This celebrates the uniqueness and individuality of every child and focuses on positive self-esteem. You will hear the pupils talking about Marvellous Monday, Terrific Tuesday, Wonderful Wednesday, Thoughtful Thursday and Fantastic Friday. It is great to see all pupils settling back into school.



I thank you for your co-operation during the rebuilding of the school wall. The plan was to have this building project completed before the children returned to school but there were delay in approval for funding and various other obstacles. It is a year since the fence was erected so we do hope that there will be no further delays in this build and we will have everything back to normal soon. Thank you for your patience in entering and exiting the school. This is for health and safety reasons. Thank you to the teachers for helping with this extra supervision in the morning.



Our school website has all the up to date information you need about the school and soon the class blogs will be up and running again so that you can see all the innovative and creative ideas that your children are working on in the classroom. Our school website www.smclon.com.



We are tracking attendance again this year so it is important for all pupils to be in school each day unless they are ill. If pupils are ill we expect a note when the pupils return to school. The slips to return are sent home for Junior and Senior Infants and from 1st to 6th Classes they are in the Homework Journal. I thank you for your co-operation in this. It is also important that pupils are in school on time.



Our beginning of year school Mass will be on **Thursday 29th September at 10am.**

The forms for **Allianz Pupils Insurance** have been sent home to parents. Please fill in and return to the class teacher before this Friday 23rd September.



Due to nut allergies, Scoil Mhuire has become a nut free zone. **All nuts and nut products are now excluded from school.**



Can I remind you of our healthy lunch policy in Scoil Mhuire. Please send a healthy lunch with your child on the days that school lunches are not provided. **Chocolate biscuits/bars/cakes do not constitute a healthy lunch. The following are some ideas for healthy lunches.** Get the children involved in making their own lunches with you and ask them to choose something from the four food groups in order to get essential nutrients for example:

- + Carbohydrates: bread, wraps, pitta bread, rice cakes, bread sticks, crackers, rolls or baps.
- + Protein: Ham, turkey, chicken, cheese, salad, tuna.ect
- + Vitamins and minerals: Fresh fruit, raisins, carrot sticks, salad or dried fruit.
- + Calcium: cheese cubes/strings
- + Encourage your child to drink lots of water

The possibilities are endless but it is important to establish healthy eating habits when children are young. **Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh si.**



If you have changed address or phone number please inform the secretary as this information is needed if your child is ill or for sending text a parent information.



Please return booklist money. This can be given to your child's class teacher. This is not a voluntary contribution but covers book rental, reading programmes, arts and crafts, computers and drama. I thank you for your co-operation in this.



Our annual school walk will take place on Friday 30th September (weather permitting). Sponsor Cards have been sent home and can be returned to the school after the walk. We will have a special raffle with prizes for each class for all the pupils who return cards. This year the funds collected will be used to purchase laptops for use in the classrooms as well as resources for the interactive whiteboards. Our pupils will be going out into a computer literate world so we need to equip them with the necessary skills. We are also investing in Maths equipment and new reading programmes. We thank you for your support in this venture. Parents are welcome to come along and walk with their child if they so wish.



The school will be closed on Wednesday 9th November as teachers will be having inservice for the new language curriculum. We only just got notification of this date.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

First Communion 6th May 2017.

Confirmation 30th May 2017

Le gach dea ghúí

Ms Burke-Heneghan and all the Staff of Scoil Mhuire