



St. Mary's N.S. Croom -Newsletter

1. Principal's Note

Students, Parents and Guardians,

Céad míle fáilte romhaibh ar ais ar scoil!

We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. On behalf of our whole school community, I would like to give a very special welcome to the pupils and families who are new to St. Mary's NS. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming weeks and months.

Twenty-one boys and girls have started in junior infants and five students have enrolled into older classes. We now have 175 students on roll in total. I have included some notes and messages below for your attention as we commence a new school year.

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Mr. E Murphy

Principal



2. Contact Details

Addresses, Phone Numbers and Email:

Please let us know either by phone 061-397416 or by emailing info@croomns.ie if you have changed your address, home/mobile phone/work contact number or email address. The school secretary, Jackie, works 9:10am to 2:40pm Monday to Friday (Lunch 12pm-1pm). Communication going forward will aim to be primarily through text and email so it is important that we have correct email addresses. We will shortly roll out Aladdin connect for all parents- more to follow in the coming weeks.

3. Absences

Parents must tell the school if your child cannot attend and why. This is a requirement of TUSLA, the Child and Family Agency. Schools are obliged to tell the Educational Welfare Services of TUSLA if your child has missed 20 days or

more in the school year, or if it is concerned that your child is missing too much school.

4. First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Best wishes to the boys and girls from 3rd class who will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18th September at 11am. We hope a lovely day is had by all.

Last year's 6th class will also receive their sacrament of Confirmation on Friday October 1st at 3pm in the parish church.

5. Notices and Procedures

- Pupils take home unfinished lunches or food waste with them each evening. Please ensure your son/daughters schoolbag is cleaned out regularly.
- Please ensure that the earliest your child arrives in school is 8:50am. There is no supervision before this time for children on yard or in the classrooms.
- The school has a healthy eating policy in place. Chocolate bars, crisps, fizzy drinks, lollipops, sweets are not permitted.
- Please access our Code of Behaviour and Anti-Bullying policies on www.croomns.ie
- No parents should drive into the schoolyard in the mornings as the entrance is used for pedestrians.

6. School Staff 2021/22



Junior Infants: Margaret Flynn

Senior Infants/Rang 1: Jennifer Cagney

Rang 1/2: Therese O'Loughlin

Rang 3/4: Richard Murphy

Rang 4/5: Jeremiah Lynch (Substituting for Muriel Henihan)

Rang 5/6: James Malone

Special Education Team: Eilish Barry, Catherine Kennedy, Monica Duffy, Anne McAuliffe, Lisa Dalton (Substituting for Ms. Holland).



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Special Needs Assistants: Elaine, Marian, Dinah, Helen, Josephine, Teresa, Jennifer and Siobhan

Secretary: Jackie Hedderman

School Caretaker: John O'Dwyer

7. Appointments with Teachers

If you would like to discuss any matters regarding your son/daughter please contact the school office and your child's teacher will phone you back. Visitors to the school will be asked to complete a contact tracing log and to wear a face covering.

8. Covid 19



The latest advice for parents on Covid 19 can be accessed by going to:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/40e9cprotecting-your-child-from-coronavirus/>

The most important things you can do to protect your child are:

- Follow the advice on protecting yourself and others
- Look out for symptoms of coronavirus. If your child has symptoms, they will need to self-isolate
- Encourage your child to wash their hands properly and regularly
- Clean and disinfect surfaces in your home and things people touch a lot.

9. School Payments System

Payments for Art & Craft and school expenses are now due.

These can be paid to Jackie in the office. (Please disregard if you have paid in full)

The Board of Management of St. Mary's NS is very aware that parents financially struggle from time to time. We ask that you contact the principal in confidence to discuss this matter should you find yourself in this position when it comes to book rental or arts and crafts payments. Text reminders sent out to parents are not designed to offend. The Board of Management would like to thank you for your continued support.

10. Labels

Please ensure that your child's school uniform and coats are tagged with the student's name. Each year so many coats and uniforms are unnecessarily left unclaimed at the school.

11. School Uniform



Full school uniform must be worn on Mondays and Thursdays. This consists of a grey pants, blue shirt (not polo shirt), navy jumper and navy tie. Tuesday and Fridays are tracksuit days. Pupils wear their navy school tracksuit on these days. At the moment, due to Covid 19 and the pressure on parents to wash and dry fresh uniforms, we are permitting children to wear their own clothes on a Wednesday.

12. Nut Allergies



As a number of pupils in our school have serious nut allergies, nuts and nut-based products are banned in the school. All foodstuffs that have 'may contain nuts' on the label are banned. Teachers will be checking lunches in an effort to ensure pupil safety.

13. School Calendar 2021/2022

Staff Meeting 20th September School closes at 12.30pm

Mid-Term Break Mon 25th Oct – Fri 29th Oct.

Christmas Holidays School closes Wed 22nd Dec at 12.15pm and re-opens on Thurs 6th January 2022

Mid-Term Break -24th and 25th February 2022

School Closed 17th and 18th March 2022

Easter Holidays Fri 8th April @12.15pm. Re-opening Mon 25th April 2022.

June Bank Holiday –Friday 3rd June & Monday 6th June. School re-opens on Tuesday 7th June 2022

Friday 24th June 2021 school closes @ 12:15pm- Summer holidays

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