



Important Message about the Book Grant—Parents in receipt of social welfare allowances **may** be entitled to free books for your child. If you are eligible please complete BOOK GRANT FORM immediately, this form is available from Caroline's office. Please bring evidence of social welfare ie allowance book etc. All children entitled to free books will receive books.

Any parent with any financial difficulty about the book bill is welcome to speak to Mrs Mc Cartan (Principal) who will arrange for books to be given to your child. All parents (including those eligible for free books) are asked to pay school monies to teacher by mid Sept - this money provides English readers, gaeilge resources, numeracy resources, art, photocopying materials as well as all copies, pencils and supplementary readers for the entire year.

The Infant School have kept this cost to a minimum at €35 for 1 child, €45 for 2 children and €55 for 3 children. Parents may pay this monthly if it would suit.

St. Catherine's ASD Preschool are asked to pay €50 to cover all costs for the school year.

Our PA AGM will be held on Friday 28th September at 9:45am in the infant school computer room.

Any parent who would like to join our vibrant PA is welcome to come along.

Please support our weekly lotto under the direction of Aisling King. There are still some numbers available for this school year. Please contact Aisling directly.



The Infant School extend warm wishes to Ms Lawlor as she prepares for her wedding in a weeks time and also congratulate Ms Sheridan on her recent engagement.

Go n-eirí leo go léir

The Infant School wish Canon John well in his new appointment in the Parish of Whitehall. He will be missed by all of us and especially from our Christmas and Easter services



Hurling for Junior/Senior Infants and First Class pupils will begin shortly. Thanks to Paddy and his team from Good Counsel GAA club for coaching



pupils.

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Infant School, Mourne Road, Drinnagh, Dublin 12



Welcome Back to school to all our pupils, parents and school staff. We hope everyone will have an enjoyable year in school. A special welcome to all the new Junior Infants who started school. All the boys and girls look very well in their school tracksuit uniforms, a

big thank you to parents for having your children presenting so well for school.

Please put your child's name on uniform tops so that they can be returned if lost.

Junior Infants go home at 1.45 from Monday 17th September. NOTE: parents collect Junior Infants at classroom door each afternoon.

Home time for Senior Infants and First Class is **1.45pm**
Please make sure to collect your child each day on time.



A big welcome to all our preschool children (Tristan, Dylan, Charlie, Jonathan, Kyle and Jamie who started in St. Catherine's on Monday 3rd of September. Welcome also to new pupils: Tyler, Carter, Elijah and Phileas.

NOTE :

(A) Please notify the school if your child shows any symptoms of chicken pox and if in doubt please seek medical advice.

(B) With the number of pupils presenting with food allergies increasing particularly nut allergy, the Infant School request that parents do not send in party bags/ cakes on birthdays.

(C) If your child is having a birthday party, we ask parents to refrain from distributing party invites in school and in the school playground in the morning or at home-time. Children from the class who may not be invited can feel upset and left out. It is best to discreetly pass any invitation

directly to the parents / adult guardian of the pupil.

(D) We have a number of spare tracksuit tops which parents are welcome to. Please contact Caroline in the office if you would like one.



Mourné's Mighty Summer Camp organised by Ms O'Gara, Ms Healy, Ms Lawlor and MS Sheridan took place in the first week of July. Many children from the Infant School took part in the camp. All children had a great time doing all the activities including a trip to Imaginosity with lovely sunshine on many days.



School starts at 9.05 am each morning.

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Neither the school nor the Board of Management accept responsibility for pupils before school opening time. School Entrance Doors close at 9.15am sharp. All Pupils are expected to come into school in their own line with their Class Teacher. We ask that parents do not come into the school with pupils. This will allow for Class Teaching to begin immediately and without delay. If parents require to talk to a teacher they should make an appointment as per our communication policy or send in a note with their child.

A Big Thank You to all the school staff who worked very hard during the holidays to make sure that the school was ready for the children coming back. The cleaning staff :Carol & Pauline did a big clean on all the classrooms corridors and toilet areas. Thanks also to caretaker John who polished the floors.
Also thanks to our SNAs who returned early to prepare and plan for the return of the children.

Collecting Pupils at Home Time

First class and Senior Infant pupils are escorted to playground in their class lines at 1.45pm by class teacher for collection at which stage they become the responsibility of the Parents/Guardians. Parents are asked to wait behind the yellow lines and to wait until teacher calls each child to go to parent/guardian. We ask for parents to co-operate with the teacher at this busy time. On very wet days parents/guardians can collect pupils directly from classrooms, parents come in the entrance doors from playground only at 1.45pm

News from the staffroom
We extend a warm welcome to **Ms Lee Junior Infants Room 10, Ms Hennessy Senior Infants Room 4 and Ms Doran Junior Infants Room 8**
We also welcome **Ms. Mc Manus** who is job-sharing with Ms O Gara in First Class Rm.2.
Welcome also to new SNA Sinéad. A big welcome to our new school Secretary **Caroline** who has been settling in nicely to her role in the office. We hope that they will all be very happy working in our school.

The next meeting of our BOM takes place on Wednesday 26th September at 7:15 in the infant School. Board Members please note.

School Uniform: All boys and girls in Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class must wear the school tracksuit uniform each day to school. The tracksuit uniform is the official uniform of the school, this uniform was decided upon by the school after a process of consultation with parents. Parents are asked to co-operate with the uniform policy.



The **Breakfast Club** is open in the parents room 8.15am to 9.am each morning. All children from the Infant school and the BNS and GNS are welcome to come along and have a breakfast before school.

PUPIL PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

is an extra insurance through the school insurance policy at very reasonable rate for parents. The Board of Management of the Infant School will be offering you an option to buy this extra personal accident insurance for your child which will cover your child in the event of an accident during or outside of school hours and recommend that parents opt for 24 hour cover at a cost of €9 per child. This insurance will cover the period Sept 2018 to Sept 2019 and must be renewed each year. Details have been given in a letter to parents .

HOME SCHOOL NEWS

Classes for parents starting shortly in the parents room. Details of the classes will be available from Debbie Aspell, Home School teacher.

The Parents Room is open every morning from 8.30am. All are welcome and tea/ coffee is available.

A Parents Representative position(Father) has become available on the Board of Management of the Infant school.

Parents representatives are expected to have regular attendance at the Board of Management meetings, which are usually held in the evening time in the school.

A meeting for this purpose will be held in the Infant School Computer Room on

Thursday 20th September at 9:45am

School Holidays 2018/2019

A full list of holidays has been posted on our school website www.infantschoolmourneroad.net Please have a look at our website for up to date information about all events in the Infant School.

Halloween Break

Closed Monday 28th Oct to Friday 1st November. School re-opens on Monday 5th November at 9:05am

NOTE: School will be closed on Friday 26th October for the Presidential election