

*Scoil Mhuire,
Abbey Road,
Navan,
Co. Meath.*

*Scoil Mhuire,
Bothar na Mainistreach,
An Uaimh,
Co. na Mi.*

Tuesday 30th May 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for working with us through the year. Parents are our partners in education and we rely on your support. Here are a few items to note.

1. Attendance:

In Scoil Mhuire we promote attendance with weekly certificates, prizes, and whole-class awards. We ask that you only leave your child out of school for a valid reason. If you are keeping your child out of school, please **notify us in the following ways:**

- A note to the class teacher.
- A call to the office.
- Explain the absence on the Aladdin connect app.

2. Active Schools Week:

Active Schools Week takes place from 12th to 16th June. Classes will complete activities such as Irish Dancing, Zumba dancing, fun races and much more. The children can wear their tracksuit to school on these days.

3. 6th Class Graduation:

This will take place on **Thursday 22nd June at 11.30am**. We look forward to welcoming parents to the school on this day to celebrate the time their children have spent with us over the past eight years.

4. Sporting Events:

Well done to the boys and girls basketball team who welcomed St. Anne's to our school on Monday 22nd May. They won a game and had a narrow defeat in the other.

5. School Reports:

These will be posted in the coming weeks. They will also be available on the Aladdin Connect App

6. New Drop off and collection Times:

From September 2023 the school day is changing. School will now begin at **9:10am** and finish at **2:50pm**. The school gate will now open at **9.00 am** and the children go straight to their lines in the yard and wait for their teacher. Children arriving late should enter the school by the reception. Children should not be collected early without a valid reason. If you do have to collect your child early for an appointment, please bring the **letter** with you to the school when collecting.

7. MMR/4 IN 1 Vaccine for Junior Infants:

The H.S.E. Vaccination Team will come to the school on **Tuesday, 20th June** to administer the MMR/4 in 1 vaccine to children in Junior Infants whose parents have signed a Consent Form.

8. School Uniform:

Uniform:

Maroon jumper, grey trousers/ skirt/ pinafore, maroon tie, and white shirt. The crested jumper will be available from Geoghegan's, Trimgate Street in the coming weeks.

Tracksuit:

Grey and maroon jumper, grey and maroon tracksuit bottoms, and white polo shirt. The tracksuit will be available from Geoghegan's, Trimgate Street in the coming weeks.

We recommend that children in Junior and Senior infants wear the tracksuit only to school.

Please note that uniforms will no longer be available from the school.

9. Free Book Scheme:

From September 2023 school books, workbooks, and copies will be provided by Scoil Mhuire free of charge to all pupils. This charge will be covered by the Department of Education. There will be an arts/ crafts and photocopying fee of **€20** euro per child payable to the school.

10. Summer Holidays:

The school will close for the Summer Holidays on **Friday 23rd June**. We reopen after the holidays on **Wednesday 30th August**. The school Calendar for 2023-2024 will be available on the school website in due course.

11. School Car Park:

The school car park is now closed from 9.30 am until 1.30 pm every day. Please pull into a car **parking space** before you let your children exit the car. We ask that you reverse into your car parking space as it is safer to see children in front of the car as you begin to drive out. Please be patient when driving out of the school. Please remember that **smoking is prohibited by law** inside school grounds.

12. Change of Phone No/Address:

Please inform the teacher/secretary if you have **moved house or changed your phone number** recently. It is very important that we have up-to-date information in the event that your child is sick, has an accident at school or we require to send you a text.

Wishing all the children and their families a happy and restful summer.

Fiona Hayden,
School Principal.

