



Scoil Mhuire na Trócaire

18th June 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We're approaching the summer holidays on Thursday 25th June and I'm sure you are relieved to be this far after all your hard work and support for your child's learning over the past 4 months – well done everybody! I know how hard it has been for staff, parents and children. The school closure on 12th March came very quickly and everyone had to adapt in record time, but I am super proud of how everyone coped, upskilled and to put it simply – everyone did their best.

We are now focusing on the return to school in late August - we are wary of making definite plans just yet as the guidelines from the Department of Education & Skills may change, but we just want to be back at school teaching our wonderful pupils and we will work very hard over the summer to make all the new preparations required to facilitate that. We will inform you of all arrangements closer to school re-opening time.

This week we posted the following information to all families:

1. *Your child's school report*
2. *Your child's booklist (also available on our website)*
3. *School Calendar 2020/21 - please note that the return to school date may have to change depending on Dept. of Education & Skills advice and that would have a knock-on effect on some of the other holiday dates*
4. *If your child had full attendance up to 12th March we've included a certificate for Full School Attendance*

NB: Please note that O'Brien's Stationery, Ardee has made the decision NOT to sell schoolbooks this year so you will need to purchase books **online** or in **neighbouring towns**. There are many options both in store and online, but can we suggest the following:

www.bookhaven.ie have all our booklists on their system so that will save you time and will ensure you get the correct books/editions etc. Book Haven's "quick-code" for each of our classes is printed in the grid below and this will take you straight to the necessary books for your child's class which makes your online shopping very easy.

Roe River Books, 66/67 Park Street Dundalk also has our booklists. (Tel: 0429334359)

If possible, please email them and they can get your order ready prior to your visit to their shop. They can also take payment over the phone.

If you require assistance with the booklist expenses you need to email me on dsweeneysmntardee@gmail.com by 24th June and I can send you the application form.

Class for September 2020	New Teacher	Quick code to the class booklist on www.boookhaven.ie
Junior Infants	Mrs Kim Rust	bu3gji
Senior Infants	Ms Edel Farrell	bu3gsi
1 st Class (Ms Haughian's outgoing class)	Ms Dervla McGeeney	bu3g1c
1 st Class (Ms McGeeney's outgoing class)	Ms Joanna Clinton	bu3g1c
2 nd Class	New teacher	bu3g2c
3 rd Class (Ms Clinton's outgoing class)	Ms McClean & Mrs King	bu3g3c
3 rd Class (Mrs O'Malley's outgoing class)	Ms Rachel Clerkin	bu3g3c
4 th Class	Ms Mason	bu3g4c
5 th Class	Ms Haughian	bu3g5c
6 th Class (Ms Clerkin's outgoing class)	Ms Elaine Sheridan	bu3g6c
6 th Class (Ms Sheridan's outgoing class)	Ms Olive McKenna	bu3g6c
SET (Special Ed. Teachers)	Mrs O'Malley & Ms Greenan	

- We are setting up **online payments** over the summer. We need one up-to-date parent's email address for every family. If you have not emailed me during the school closure period please do so in the next few days dsweeneysmntardee@gmail.com – please remember to include your child's name and class.
- We will say goodbye to our 6th Class with some special activities planned for 24th June and our final newsletter for this school year will be on our website on Wednesday 24th June – make sure you have a look!

The school holidays begin on 25th June and on behalf of all our staff I wish you and your family a safe, healthy and happy summer holiday.

Kind regards

Mrs Sweeney
Principal