

School Newsletter 25th September, 2020



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Welcome Back To School

After much anticipation about our return to school after the long break, we are almost at the end of the first month already. We know this year will be different and a lot of changes have been made but everybody has been making a huge effort to keep our school community safe which is a priority for us all. It is wonderful to see the pupils enjoying school life again and we welcome all our new pupils to Crusheen National School. We wish you all a happy and healthy school year.

Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

The Board of Management has recently reviewed the school's Child Safeguarding Statement. This will be available to view on our school website.

Junior Infants & New Pupils

A huge welcome to our new Junior Infants who began school life this year. Well done on how well you have settled in

Welcome to: Ruairi Bourke, Donal Óg Dillon, Jack Dillon Rebecca Folagbade, Sarah Griffin, Arwen Keane, Lily Keehan, Sadie McMahon, Donnacha McNamara, Sophia Murphy, Erin Noone, Donnagh O'Doherty, Katie O'Donnell, Chloe O'Rourke, Siún O'Sullivan & Maeve Wallace.

A big welcome also to Ciara Wallace who joined 1st class, Mia O' Riordan and Erin Curley who joined 3rd class. We are delighted to have you in our school.

Staffing

Welcome to Ms. Niamh Kenny, Ms. Miriam Darcy and Ms. Carolyn Cowman who have joined us this year.

Keeping in Touch

Please like our school Facebook page to keep informed of events and news from our school. Our school website also has a lot of information which can be useful to parents. Each class has a blog which will be updated on a regular basis. If you wish to discuss something with your child's class teacher, please send an email to them directly.

Homework Reminder

We wish to remind you that homework needs to be returned by the pupils every Friday so that teachers will have time to correct it. Please check that your child is returning all necessary work, copies and books every Friday.

Coats

As the weather is getting cooler, we ask that you make sure that your child brings a coat to school. We hope to have more time engaging in outdoor learning and this will only be possible if all pupils are weather ready!

Changes to Collection Times

From Monday, September 28th - October 23rd, families with surnames beginning with M - Z will be collected at 2.55pm. Families with surnames beginning with A - L will be collected at 3.00pm.



Attendance/Punctuality

This year our top priority is everyone's health. While it is accepted that there is a direct link between school attendance and pupil progress we must make exceptions this year. We thank you all for erring on the side of caution - keeping children home who are unwell, getting GP advice when the symptoms are on the Covid 19

list and observing all the guidelines around isolation etc. It will mean attendance figures will be low. However, if we manage to keep the school open and keep each other well we are doing the right thing. Our attendance initiative will be put on pause but please do keep up punctuality. Please keep letting us know details of all absences by Aladdin and input the parent note section. Thank you for following the protocols.

The school is obliged, by law, to inform Tusla when a pupil is absent for a total of 20 school days in one school year. Obviously, the whole idea is to miss as little time as possible. As teachers have to fill in the category of absence when informing Tusla it is essential that an Aladdin absence note is sent in after every absence explaining it. Please note if absences are Covid 19-related this will be indicated to Tusla.

Accelerated Reader

Pupils from 1st to 6th classes are currently undertaking Star Reading Tests at school which will give them an Accelerated Reader target for this term. Once all pupils have been tested, we will begin giving them books to read in school. The Accelerated Reader program has proved very successful in helping children to improve their reading fluency and understanding by setting them achievable goals.




Book Rental 2020/21

Thank you to all the parents who remembered to pay the Book Rental and this is just a quick reminder to parents who have forgotten. Re: Book Rental for 2020/21, Parents are asked to lodge the school book rental fee into the Ulster Bank School Book Rental Account using the following information: This can be done using your banking on line facility with your bank account. BIC No. ULSB IE 2D and IBAN: IE13 ULSB 9856 8061 563044. Please state Adult/pupils name and quote 'Book Rental Fee'. Thank you again.

First Holy Communion

Pupils in Third Class celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday, September 12th. Well done to Ms. Kenny, Ms. Brady, Olive and Vivienne for all their work preparing the pupils for their special day. Congratulations to all the pupils and well done to them also for being so good on the day.



 our health service

[HSE.ie](https://www.hse.ie) > [Coronavirus](#)

Symptoms of coronavirus

Last updated: 19 August 2020 at 12.01am

If you have any common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), you should [self-isolate](#) and phone your GP straight away to [get a coronavirus test](#).

Common symptoms of coronavirus include:

- [a fever \(high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above\)](#)
- [a cough](#) - this can be any kind of cough, not just dry
- [shortness of breath](#) or breathing difficulties
- [loss or change to your sense of smell or taste](#) - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

It can take up to 14 days for symptoms to show. They can be similar to symptoms of [cold](#) and [flu](#).

Getting an early diagnosis from your GP means you can get the help you need and take steps to avoid spreading the virus, if you have it.