

# Cloontagh National School

## Newsletter

### September 2019



#### Key Dates to remember

10<sup>th</sup> September -School Photographer

13<sup>th</sup> September – Official opening of our play space at 1.15pm

14<sup>th</sup> October – Seamus Grant annual concert

24<sup>th</sup> October - School closed for staff training

25<sup>th</sup> October – Halloween dress up afternoon

28<sup>th</sup> Oct- 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – Halloween break

4<sup>th</sup> November – Schoolre-opens

## Welcome Back

We would like to welcome all the children and staff back to school. The children are so well presented in their new uniforms, thank you to all parents for their cooperation with this.

We would especially like to welcome the 15 new children who started in Junior Infants this year.

Amber Doherty,

We hope they have many happy days ahead. We have 104 children on roll this year.

We welcome Ms. Tracy Long to the staff of Cloontagh N.S as a classroom assistant. We also welcome Ms. Michelle Doherty back from maternity leave, she will be teaching in the school on two afternoons per week.

We would like to wish Ms Kathleen Doherty good luck in her new position as SNA in Craigtown school.

Junior & Senior Infants – Múinteoir Martina & Múinteoir Marie (Job sharing).

1st & 2nd Class – Múinteoir Frances.

3rd & 4th Class - Múinteoir Sheila

5th & 6<sup>th</sup> Class - Múinteoir Marie.

Learning Support - Múinteoir Grace and Múinteoir Michelle.

SNA – Cara Tara and Cara Tracy

Secretary – Cara Rose

Caretaker – Patrick

Cleaner – Oliveen

Just a few reminders at the start of the year.

- \* School starts at 9.20am and no responsibility can be taken for children prior to 9.10am, all children should arrive between these times.
- \* Children must enter the school by the ramp door only at all times, this is for safety reasons as both doors should not be open at the same time.
- \* Please check your child's diary nightly for notes, homework and sign when checked.
- \* If your child is absent from school, please fill in the note at the back of the diary explaining the reason for absence, these will be kept on file in the school. If a child misses 20 days during the year, the school is obliged to inform the Education Welfare Board. We will send you a reminder when your child reaches 10 and 15 days absenteeism.
- \* If your child has to go to the dentist, doctor etc., we would urge you to try to get the appointment for after school.
- \* If your child has to leave school during the day for any reason, they must be signed out in the book placed in the porch and signed back in when they return.
- \* If you wish to speak to a teacher, please ring the office to make an appointment as the teacher needs to arrange supervision for their class. Rose works, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11.30am- 3pm and 1pm-3pm on a Tuesday.
- \* There is a Recycling Bin outside the school where you can put unwanted clothes, curtains, bed linen, shoes etc. The school gets €4 per bag.
- \* It is important that people take care in the evening when the children are leaving the school. I would recommend that parents collect their child at the gate especially the younger children. Some children who are walking across the road or down to the car park may forget to watch out for oncoming cars.
- \* Contact Details - If anyone has changed their mobile number or your two other contact numbers please let us know ASAP.

### Book Rental

We would appreciate payment of the annual book rental scheme by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October this year. The new language curriculum has begun for all classes in September therefore we have had to change schemes for all classes.

The cost this year will be €50 per child for child 1 and 2 and €40 for child 3 and 4. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### School Photographs

The Photographer will be coming to the school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September to take the children's photographs. There is no obligation on anyone to have their photographs taken or to buy the photographs.

If for any reason you do not want your child's photograph to be taken at any time during the school year for newspaper or public media at school events, please let the class teacher know.

### Run a mile with a smile

From week commencing September 9<sup>th</sup> we will begin our morning run from 9.20am, children should wear runners to school and if needed bring school shoes in their bag to change into.

### Parents Committee

1<sup>st</sup> class parents make up the parents' committee each year (look out for notes in your child's diary)

### School teams

We would love if parents could volunteer to coach and assist with school soccer and gaelic teams this year. Please contact Múinteoir Grace if you are interested. Sport is an important part of our children's lives and we should encourage it at every opportunity.

### Garda Vetting

If any parent, guardian or grandparent would like to help out at school activities throughout the year e.g. football, crafts, in-school, it is government regulation that they are Garda vetted. If you put a note in your child's diary we will send a form home, thank you.

### Pupil Personal Accident Insurance

We are doing a Pupil Personal Accident Insurance with Allianz this year again. There are two options if you want to insure your child.

The first option provides cover for school activities only and the cost is €4.80 per child.

The second option provides cover for 24 hours and the cost is €7.20 per child when it is applied for online. If you would like insurance, please fill in the attached form and return it with the money by next Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. More details about the cover at

[www.allianz.ie/schools](http://www.allianz.ie/schools).

### Seamus Grant annual concert

This will take place on Sunday October (time to be confirmed). Please put a note in your child's diary if they would like to join the school choir and can perform on the day.