



St. Enda's National School

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Dear Parents

Welcome Back

It was great to welcome back the children this past Thursday. The excitement and enthusiasm was quite something! A special welcome to our new junior infants who have impressed everybody with their manners and kindness. We are all looking forward to a productive and fun year ahead. I have already heard teachers making plans to get out and about and bring active learning to life during the school day.

Work over the summer

The Board of Management was busy over the summer as they strive to constantly improve the school environment. Amongst other things, the yards were relined and the infant yard was upgraded, with more to come. The oil tanks were replaced and modernised while school furniture was also replaced.

The Sensory Garden will have a new surface in the next few weeks while I met with Sharon Donnelly from the Tidy Towns this morning and we hope to get planting and gardening very shortly. We hope to get children involved in this so I will let you know if they need a change of clothes etc.

I know I can speak for the Board when I say we won't ever stop looking at ways at making the school a better place for all our students that we are privileged to work with.

Couple of Issues

As always, there are a couple of issues still to be resolved.

I have emailed the lunch company for codes for children who didn't receive them. Thank you also to those parents who have let me know that their child won't be using them this year.

As already mentioned, I am waiting to hear what the arrangements are for the various bus services this year. Hopefully a more permanent solution can be found for all our children and parents who rely on the service. As soon as I hear anything, I will let you know.

Swimming

Swimming lessons (1st to 6th class) will begin shortly. If not already done so, please make your intention known via the permission list on Aladdin by Monday at noon. We will then start making groupings for the lessons.

I will be in touch next week as we begin renewing basic school policies. Until then, hopefully we all get a rest and are ready for the first full week of the year next week.

Have a great weekend,

Brian