

Welcome!



Welcome back to all our pupils, parents and staff. We hope you had an enjoyable Summer and are looking forward to the year ahead.

We would like to say a big welcome to our Junior Infants who have settled in really well. We'd also like to take this opportunity to say a special welcome back to our 6th class who are excited about being the leaders in the school. We know they will live up to this responsible position and show good example to the younger children in the school!

We say goodbye to Ms. Keating, Ms. Irwin and Ms Bowe and wish them well in their new positions. We are delighted to welcome Ms. McCarthy in room 4, Ms. Cleary, who is our 3rd class teacher and Mr. Byrne who will be covering Ms. Conneely's maternity leave as our 1st class teacher. We also welcome Ms. Griffin to our school who will be job sharing this year with Ms. Gilsenan.

We had a great year last year of hard work and fun and we hope that this year will be just as productive. In order for things to run smoothly in the school we have various systems in place. Here are a few reminders:

- Check our school website regularly to keep informed of what is going on in the school:
www.scoilmhuireleixlip.net
- If your child is absent, please send a note to the teacher on their return. We must inform the National Education Welfare Board if a pupil misses 20 days.
- Please label all belongings – coats, jumpers, lunchboxes, drink containers.
- Full uniform must be worn every day (including tie and black shoes).
- Please make sure your child has their tracksuit and runners on PE days.
- Please make sure your child is on time for school each morning (9.20am).
- Please come in Scoil Mhuire gate only.
- Last year we had a number of children being walked to the classrooms in the mornings by parents and minders. We feel this is not necessary and in the interest of fairness to all children we would ask that you let your child come in themselves especially if they are late.
- On wet mornings, children can line up on the corridors. Children will be supervised so there is no need for parents to wait.
- Remember we are a Green School so avoid bringing tin foil, cling film and cartons. Try to walk or cycle to school especially on Wednesdays. Bring used batteries for the battery box. Bring used stamps to school for recycling.

- We have a Healthy Eating policy in our school so children should bring a healthy lunch to school – no crisps, sweets, cakes, fizzy drinks. This year teachers will give stickers and prizes as rewards. Treats will only be given on rare occasions.
- Children, parents and grandparents; bí ag caint as Gaeilge as often as you can!
- No mobile phones allowed in school.
- All visitors to the school must report to the office. This year the front door will only be opened by Ms. Murphy, so if you are waiting at the door you will appreciate that staff or children will not open the door for you. This is to avoid adults wandering around the school without the office knowing.
- Please ensure that homework is completed and signed every night by an adult.

Upcoming dates for your diary

- PTA collection of Insurance Money - Thursday 8th, Friday 9th Sept 9.30am
- PTA Coffee morning – Friday 9th Sept SEP Hall 9.30- 10.30am
- PTA AGM 21st Sept at 8pm.
- There will be parent evening meetings for Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes during the weeks 12th -16th Sept and 19th – 23rd Sept.

- Please make sure your child has all their books for the year.
- Please pay school payments to the office by the end of the week if you haven't done so already.

Please feel free to contact the school if you are unsure about anything or have any concerns.



Le gach dea ghuí
Nora Mescal and staff