

Shanballymore National School

Newsletter September 2019



- Welcome back to all pupils and parents. We hope you had an enjoyable Summer holidays and look forward to a great year of fun, learning and friendship.
- We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our nine new Junior Infants, Lauren, Megan, Eimear, Darren, Jeanna, Jonah, Fintan Cathal and Lily May. We wish them many happy years in Shanballymore National School
- Please be aware that school supervision starts at **8:50am**. All classes begin at **9:00am**. Children are not supervised before **8:50** in the morning. Classes for Junior and Senior Infant finish at **1:40pm**. These children must be collected on time by a parent or designated adult. School finishes for all other classes at **2:40pm**.
- Please inform the school if you have any changes to your contact details especially mobile phone numbers.
- The school has a very informative facebook page. This gives parents an opportunity to read about upcoming events and see photos of activities the children did in school. You can check out the facebook page at Shanballymore NS
- The school is currently collecting Aldi stickers. If we collect 300 stickers, we are in with a chance of winning €50,000 for the school.
- Children may wear their tracksuit on **Mondays** and **Fridays** until further notice. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name.
- Thank you to everyone who have paid the Book Rental and Voluntary Contribution to the school. Any outstanding money can be given to Nora in the office.
- This years School Mass will be held in Doneraile Church on **Friday 27th September at 12 o Clock**. This mass will be celebrated by Bishop William Crean DD, Bishop of Cloyne. All parents are vey welcome to attend. The whole school will travel to Doneraile on buses to attend the Mass.
- We are delighted to have our gymnastics coach Daniel back with us again this year. Gymnastics will take place on Monday mornings. It will run for 8 weeks.

- **School Improvement Plan.** We are currently in year two of our three-year School Improvement Plan.
- **In Numeracy** this year we will focus on Extending Patterns for the Junior classes, Fractions & Decimals for the middle classes and Fractions Decimals and Percentages for the upper classes. We will also focus on problem solving and the children will do a Problem on Wednesdays (POW). We also hope to complete a number of Maths trails during the year.
- **In Literacy** we hope to continue our focus on Oral Language development. The children will learn different styles of oral language during the year. Please be aware your child may get oral Language homework. The children will also learn different styles of writing during the year.
- Parents are invited to read our School Improvement Plans on our website www.shanballymorenationalaschool.ie
- The Parents Association held their AGM in the school on Tuesday 10th September. This was a well-attended meeting. A full account of all activities and events was given from last year's committee. We are very grateful for all their work and commitment. A new committee was elected for this year. The officers for 2019 – 2020 are as follows: **Chairperson:** Majella Noonan **Vice Chairperson:** Caroline O'Grady **Secretary:** Danielle Coates **Vice Secretary:** Emma Irwin Buckley **Treasurer:** Joanne Sheedy **Vice Treasurer** Laura Roche. The Parents Association are already busy organising a big fundraiser for the school in November. More detail to follow later.
- The cost of Swimming Dancing & Gymnastics for 2019-2020 is **€95** per child. This can be paid in instalments up to Easter. The Parents Association will hold collections at the school gate on the following Wednesdays: 2nd October, 6th November, 5th February, 4th March and 1st April.
- Parents are encouraged to consider the Pupil Insurance from Allianz Insurance. Please see attached note.