



Dear Parent

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year. I am thrilled to welcome all pupils, parents and staff back to school. I hope you have a great academic year ahead, building relationships, developing new skills and most of all having lots of fun. A special warm welcome to our six new Junior Infants. I hope you have 8 very happy years in Shanballymore National School.

Teachers and Classes

Please take note of the following class allocation for the new school year;

Junior & Senior Infants & First Classes	Mrs Fiona Hannon
First, Second & Third Classes	Mrs Siobhan Shinnick
Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Classes	Mr John Walsh
Resource	Ms Trish Smith & Ms Siobhan Hassett
SNA's	Ms Eilish Manley & Ms Shirley O'Hanlon
Visiting Resource Teacher	Ms Fitzgerald
Principal Release Days	Ms Rachel Lynch
Secretary	Mrs Nora McGrath

Once again, this year we will be seeking a voluntary contribution from each family of €75 to aid the running costs of the school. This money is primarily used to cover the cost of photocopying, art & craft materials and other costs which are not covered by grants which we receive from the Department of Education. It also covers 24-hour pupil personal insurance. Thanks to all the parents who have already paid. This contribution can also be paid in instalments during the year.

Text a Parent service:

We make regular use of the text a parent service at Shanballymore N.S. Please inform the secretary if you have changed your mobile phone number in the past year

Absence:

Please keep school absence to an absolute minimum. If a child misses a day, please send in a note labelled clearly with the child's name and the reason why they were absent. It is our duty to report cases in which a child has missed more than 20 days in the school year to Tusla.

Homework:

Please ensure to check and sign your child's homework journal every night. Children in the Senior classes should be able to work independently at their homework but children in the younger classes require constant attention. Please encourage your child to present their work neatly. This will pay off in the years to come.

Drop-off / Collection:

Please do not drop off children too early in the mornings. The school door is opened at **8:50am** every morning. Children should be ready to come into school at this time. Classes do not start until **9am** but this 10 minute allows the children to come in and get settled while also offering them the opportunity to talk with their classmates. Please take extreme caution when using the car park.

Medication:

We enforce a strict policy on the taking of medication of any kind in our school. If your child needs to take any medication during the day even for a flu or a cough (including cough sweets, etc.) We need to be informed in writing.

Lunches:

Please remember that we are a healthy eating school. Thank you for supporting us in our Healthy Eating Pan. As you know the children are allowed a treat on Fridays. Please keep this to **one** treat in your child's lunch box.

School Uniform

with the recent good weather, the children were allowed to wear shorts to school. As we return to more normal autumnal temperatures, I would recommend returning to the school uniform and tracksuit. The policy is school tracksuit on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**, no sports jerseys allowed. Full school uniform on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday unless otherwise stated.

Parent / Teacher Meetings:

Individual Parent / Teacher meetings will take place on week of 23rd October. These will take place before and after school. Time allocation will be sent to you prior to meetings.

Photographer

Memory Lane photography will visit the school on **26th September**. Forms will be sent out shortly. This is an optional service and if you do not wish to have your child photographed, please inform the teacher.

Gymnastics

Gymnastics lessons will begin on Friday 29th September for five weeks.

First Holy Communion 2024

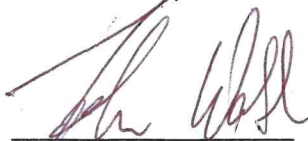
First Holy Communion 2024 will take place on Saturday 11th May

Contact with School:

Shanballymore National School always tries to deliver the best educational experience to all its pupils. If parents want to contact a teacher for any reason, please use the school email shanballymorens@gmail.com or ring the school telephone 022 25611 and the teacher will return correspondence at the earliest opportunity. Please refrain from contacting teachers through social media, private email accounts or mobile phones.

Please find attached a copy of the schools **Code of Behaviour Policy** and **RSE policy** for your information.

Yours sincerely



John Walsh
Principal