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September 2026 Newsletter:

We are delighted to welcome everyone back to school, especially all our new infants who started this August who are now nicely settled into school life. They are: David Afekhuai, Patrick Conefrey, Holly Duignan, Aaron McHugh, Róise McHugh, Katie McLoughlin, Mischa McTeigue, Elenora Tarkovych, Alana Walpole, Nia Walpole, Hannah Wrynn, and Keevah Wrynne.

Nut Allergy: There is a child in the school with a nut allergy. Therefore, no nuts or any products containing nuts are permitted in the school.

Dropping off and collection of Pupils: For the safety of all children in the school, parents or visitors are requested **not** to enter the school grounds unless necessary. Those who need to come into the school must do so via the door beside 4th class and report to Cerenna's office first. Please adhere to this as child safety is a priority for us. Please inform the class teacher about any change in your child's collection arrangements.

If you are giving permission to your child to walk home by themselves or walk to meet you somewhere, please advise the school in writing as once your child leaves the school property, the teachers are no longer responsible for their safety.

Needing to contact class teacher: If you have any concerns or issues regarding your child, please contact your child's teacher by contacting Cerenna and she will organise a time when you can speak to her/him. If you need to speak to Orla Redican, please contact Cerenna and follow same procedure.

Arts/Craft materials, photocopying, Aladdin Connect 2026-2027

The cost for the above this year is:

1 child €50 (which includes Allianz 24- hour insurance)

2 children €90 (which includes Allianz 24-hour insurance)

3 children or more €130 (which includes Allianz 24-hour insurance)

This charge helps cover some of the cost of art/craft materials, photocopying and Aladdin connect. It is payable by electronic payment or cheque to St. Caillin's N.S. Please make sure you put your child's name on the envelope if paying by cheques or cash.

Our BIC and IBAN are as follows:

BIC: AIBKIE2D

IBAN:IE98AIBK937037 31702020

Please make sure you include your name in the reference box when using this payment method.

Payment can also be made in instalments by arrangement with the school principal. **Payment is due before the end of September.** Receipt of payment is sent by email.

Absence: When a child misses a day, we must get a note explaining the absence. These notes are kept on file. Please use the Aladdin app or can use the slips at the back of your child's homework journal.

Morning Arrival: Doors open at 8:55am. Children are not supervised before this time but they may wait in the shelter if dropped off early.

We ask parents who collect children from school to **please do not park directly outside the school gate. Clear access at the school gate is needed at all times in case of emergency.** It is **very important to let grandparents (or anybody picking up your children)** know about this rule if they are collecting. Also, please do not park where buses are due to park, each morning and evening.

Healthy Lunches: The school has a healthy lunch policy which **does not** allow sweets, biscuits, chocolate, crisps, fizzy drinks, jelly fruits, winders, juices, nuts or any product containing nuts. Instead, we encourage healthy options such as fruit and veggies as per Department of Health guidelines. We ask children to bring 500ml bottle of water or 750ml bottle if they are active. **No juice drinks are permitted**. They will not be permitted to refill bottles in the staff room. If they feel they need an extra drink, please send it in with them.

Pencil Cases: Please make sure your child/children have **lots of pencils** and (pens for older classes) which are pared, 2 rubbers, colours, 30cm ruler, scissors and pritt stick.

Homework: Homework is an important factor in your child's education. Apart from reinforcing learning, it helps towards good habit formation.

In general, children are good at completing written work. The **oral work, such as reading, telling you their Irish, learning tables, and spellings, are equally important.**

If children are spending too long at homework or are having problems doing homework, please contact class teacher via short note in homework journal.

School Uniforms: It is the beginning of the school year and it is important that all the children are wearing the **proper uniform**. This is a navy pinafore/skirt/trousers for the girls, navy trousers for boys, light blue polo shirt and navy jumper or cardigan for both boys and girls also. We would appreciate **no skinny tracksuit bottoms, leggings** or hoodies be worn to school.

Labelling Clothes: Every year children lose or misplace coats, jumpers, cardigans and sweatshirts. Please ensure to label your childs clothes to prevent this from happening.

Cross-Country: Cross-country athletics will take place in Ballinamore on Wednesday 23rd of September. 24 children from 3rd-6th will participate. Please send in €3 for the bus if your child is going. We wish them the best of luck in their races.

Physical Education Coach: Shaun Doherty will be with us again this year. He will be here every Thursday for Physical Education. Please ensure your children wear runners on that day.

Pantomime: We have organised a trip to a pantomime in the Helix in Dublin for the children from 1st to 6th class on Thursday December 3rd.

The children in Junior and Senior infants will be brought to the Dock for "Little Red Riding hood Christmas Adventure" on Thursday December 10th.

Further details will be sent on both on Aladdin next week.

Re-turn Bin: We still have a Re-turn bin on our premises. We aim to collect bottles and cans as part of the National Re-turn Scheme. Our orange Re-turn bin will be located on the school grounds and children can bring in bottles/cans at your convenience.

Clothes Collection: Please send in your bags of recyclable clothes and shoes before 20th September. Every bags counts and please spread the word to the community. The bags can be dropped off inside the school walls at any time.

Website: we are currently working on a new school website. We hope to go live with this next week. We will let you know via Aladdin when this is happening.

Aladdin: Please ensure that you are logged into Aladdin and have notifications turned on. We send out Newsletter, notices and permission slips on Aladdin throughout the year, and it is very important that you receive these. If you are not receiving these, please contact the school.