

**St Mary's & St Gerard's School**  
*"Caring, connection and a love of learning"*

**Newsletter 6th September 2024**

**Dear Parents & Guardians,**

Well done to all our pupils for a great first week back to school. It is such a joy to see all our students so engaged in their learning already and so willing to do their best each day. The connections among our pupils are so important also and I hope that all our pupils feel that they belong and have friends in their class.

Thank you to our fantastic team in school for making the first week such a good start for all! *Our theme this year is "Community" and I am sure we will learn, play and grow together in our school community this year.*

Have a lovely weekend,

Deirdre Morgan

Principal

**W.O.W.**

Walk on Wednesday starts up again this week. We actively promote walking to school or walk and stride from the Bog Meadow. Please support us as much as you can on this. We believe that the pupils come in well prepared after the fresh air and exercise they get as they walk to school. We are working with our P.A. to improve road safety so as to increase the numbers of pupils walking to school.

**Communications**

If you have any questions about any aspect of the school, please ask us. We are here to help. You can always contact me at the gate or by phone or appointment. Teachers are available by email or in the yard after school. Teachers will reply to their emails as soon as they can at the end of the school day or the following day. Please try to email before 3.30 if possible.

**Lining Up**

I hope that the pupils felt the extra playtime before school helped with the transition back to school. We will resume the regular lining up times from next Monday for 3rd-6th Class.

**Smart Phone Free Agreement**

Please remember that we are Mobile Phone free in our school. Pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school.

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**Swimming**

Will resume on Monday for 2nd & 4th

**Class Meetings**

We will hold class meetings again this year where the class teachers will meet with parents in the classroom . Please save the following dates:

Tuesday 24th September -Meetings for Junior Infants -1st Class

Tuesday 1st October - Meetings for 3rd-6th Class

Times will be shared next week for the individual meetings

**Healthy Eating & Allergies**

Our Healthy Eating Policy is on our website. Can I please remind all parents that The following items are not allowed in school for dietary/allergy\* reasons:

- \*Nuts (including peanut butter).
- \*Hummus
- \*Tahini paste
- \*Kiwi fruit
- Fizzy drinks, sports drinks and drinks with cordial / high sugar content.
- Chewing gum.
- Chocolate (including chocolate spread).
- Sweets & winders.
- Crisps & popcorn.

**Tennis**

The parks tennis is up and running again .See link attached: [Enniskerry - Parks Tennis Autumn 2024 \(1\).pdf](#)

**Ladies Lunch**

The P.A. are organising this event and we look forward to a great day! Please save the date-Sunday 5th January 2025!

**Vetting**

We are always delighted to have parent volunteers. Please organise your vetting through Annette . Please sign the volunteering agreement also.

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