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## **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2024**

### **FÁILTE AR AIS**

Welcome back to all of our students and staff for another school year. We are welcoming twelve new pupils into Mayo Abbey NS. We hope that their time here is happy and productive and that each one of them reaches their full potential. We also welcome back Tracey Noonan and extend a welcome to Valerie Fitzgibbon who are both working with us in the role of Special Needs Assistants.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**The phone is currently out of order and awaiting repair. In the meantime, please email the school office at this address - [office@mayoabbeyns.com](mailto:office@mayoabbeyns.com)**

Goretti, the school secretary, will be available in the school office from 9.20am to 1.20pm. Outside of these hours, please remember the telephone may not be answered but please leave a message (once the phone line is repaired). These will be checked after 3pm each day.

### **OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES**

School starts in the morning at 9.20 and finishes at 2pm for infants and 3pm for 1st-6th classes. Junior Infants will finish at 12.15 until September 13th and thereafter 2pm. The school is open at 9.10am to receive children in the morning. Children should not be on school grounds before 9.10am and the Board of Management accepts no responsibility for children before 9.10am, whether or not there are staff present in the school building.

### **NUT ALLERGY**

One child in our school has a severe allergic reaction to all nuts. This allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of nut products and cross contamination. Since this condition can be life threatening, we are asking for your help in minimising the risk to this child by:

- a) Avoiding giving children any nuts in school lunches
- b) Avoiding giving nut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella and snacks/bars containing nuts or labelled "may contain nut traces" in school lunches
- c) Asking children not to share their lunches.

### **WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL**

Children have been reminded at school to observe the rules of the road at all times, especially when crossing the road. It is important to regularly remind your children at home about the rules of the road. For their own safety children are also asked not to climb/walk on walls or through shrub beds on their way home. Public footpaths should be used at all times. Once children leave school grounds the school is no longer responsible for their safety.



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### **DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTION OF CHILDREN**

In an effort to keep the traffic flow safe at collection times, parents are asked to wait until they can park on the roundabout safely to drop off and collect children. Please move around the roundabout as far as possible when collecting children so that the traffic jam at the gate and on the road is minimised. This will allow for the safe drop-off and collection of children whilst also giving other drivers the chance to move safely onto and off the roundabout.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL COSTS**

As we communicated in June, the costs of books, workbooks and copies has been funded by the Department of Education.

Therefore the costs this year per child are as follows:

- Photocopying €25 + Arts and Crafts Materials €25 = **€50 per child**

This can be paid through Aladdin or to the school office directly. If you have any queries, please contact the school office for further information. Thanks to all who have paid these costs so far.

If any family is in need of financial assistance with regard to any school activities, please contact the school office or principal directly at this email address - [principal@mayoabbeyns.com](mailto:principal@mayoabbeyns.com)

It is important that all children have the fullest education possible and have equal access to all educational resources, regardless of financial situation. Please be assured that these matters will be dealt with with the utmost confidentiality.

### **SCHOOL SAVINGS SCHEME**

We will restart our savings scheme with An Post from next week. This scheme is optional. Children who wish to save can purchase saving stamps in school. Stamps cost €1 each and when the saving card is full (€20) it can be lodged with An Post. Saving is a good habit to develop in children and well worth considering.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER**

The photographer (County Photos) will be in school on Friday, October 4th 2024. We will send a reminder closer to the date.

### **SCHOOL RULES**

A copy of the school rules is attached. These can be found within the Code of Behaviour document which is available on the school website. The teachers will go through them with each of their classes over the coming days. We would ask that you review them with your children also.

A copy of this newsletter can be found on the school website: [www.mayoabbeyns.com](http://www.mayoabbeyns.com)