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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2023

FÁILTE AR AIS

A big welcome back to all of our students and staff for another school year. We welcome eleven new pupils into Junior Infants. We hope that their time here in Mayo Abbey N.S. is happy and productive and that each one of them reaches their full potential.

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 14th 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

It is great to see so many children 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.

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.



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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 per child are as below.

- Photocopying €20 + Arts and crafts materials €20 = **€40 per child**

This can be paid to the school office directly or at your convenience by bank transfer using the details below.

IBAN: IE19AIBK 937088 19945045

Name: Mayo Abbey Schools Account

If you have any queries, please contact the school office for further information.

Thanks to all who have paid these costs so far. Receipts are being issued to all those who have paid. If you do not receive a receipt by the end of this week, please contact the school.

If any family is in need of financial assistance with regard to any school activities, please contact the school office or principal directly. 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 saving 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, 22nd September 2023. We will send a reminder closer to the date.

CONFIRMATION DATE

The Confirmation date for this coming year is May 11th for Mayo Abbey. When the school has any further details, we will let parents know.

A copy of this newsletter can be found on the school website: www.mayoabbeyns.com



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School Calendar 2023-2024

Term 1

Friday, Sept 1st	School opens for all students
Oct 30th - Nov 3rd	Mid-term break
Thursday, Nov 30th	School closes at 12.30 (Staff Meeting)
Friday, Dec 22nd 2023	School closes for Christmas holidays at 12.30pm

Term 2

Monday, Jan 8th 2024	School reopens
Tuesday, Jan 23rd	School closes at 12.30 (Staff Meeting)
Jan 24th & 25th	Parent Teacher Meetings (School open as normal) 3:15-5:45
Feb 5th	Public holiday, St Brigid's Day
Feb 15th & 16th	Mid-term break
March 18th	Public holiday, St Patrick's Day
Friday, March 22nd	School closes for Easter holidays

Term 3

Monday, April 8th	School reopens
May 6th	Public holiday, May Day
Thursday May 16th	School closes at 12.30 (Staff Meeting)
June 3rd	Public holiday, June Bank Holiday
June 4th	Vacation Day
June 26th	School closes for summer holidays at 12.30pm

Standardised Testing will take place during the weeks May 13th - May 24th.

There will be changes and/or some additional closures during the year e.g. staff training as required by the Department of Education. Should this happen, the school will communicate these changes with parents as soon as possible.