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*SCHOOL NEWSLETTER  
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### **FAILTE AR AIS**

A big welcome back to all of our students and staff for another school year.

We welcome fourteen new pupils to Mayo Abbey N.S.: **Ava, Caiden, Cathal, Eleanor, Emma, Freya, Hugh, Jayden, Luke, Matt, Noah, Patrick, Ryan, and Sienna** have all joined us in 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.

There are now 81 children on roll in our school.

### **RETURN TO SCHOOL**

We have now completed our third week back at school and, so far, so good! Thank you to all of you parents for your compliance with procedures since we have returned, especially when children have been sick. It is important that we continue to follow the guidelines laid out by the Dept. of Education and that if any child displays symptoms of COVID 19 they should remain at home.

#### **COVID 19 symptoms:**

- Fever or high temperature (above 38C/100.4F) or feeling feverish or have chills
- Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Runny nose, nasal or sinus congestion or sore throat
- Loss of, or change in, sense of taste or smell
- Headaches
- Aches and pains or tiredness
- Nausea or vomiting or diarrhoea

### **OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES**

School starts in the morning at 9.20 and finishes, at 2pm for infants and 3pm for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes.

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 and striding 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.

## **CURRICULAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- Cross Country: Well done to all the children who took part in the South Mayo Cross Country championship which was held at the race course in Ballinrobe on Sept. 22<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and best of luck to **Emily** and **Henry** who now go on to represent the school at County level.
- The children in 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> class are taking part in a Cycle Safety Programme with Gerry Butler (Mayo County Council)

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations and well done to the boys and girls ( **Ava, Crea, Emma, Evan, Gracie, Henry, Lauren, Lexi, Lily, Louise, Harriet, Niall and Rachel,**) who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Many thanks to their teachers, to Fr. Carney, Fr. Fergus, Nora Colleran and to parents who helped with preparations for the sacrament. We wish these boys and girls every blessing in their future lives.

## **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.

## **CLOTHING COLLECTION**

We have held clothing collections for the past number of years to help cut the cost of school tours...and hopefully we will be able to go on tour again during this school year. We will be holding another collection next **March** to help with tours again so please bear this in mind if you are having a clear out (this includes clothing, bedding, shoes, towels, curtains, soft toys etc.)!

### ***Reminders:***

- Thanks to all who have paid the **School Book Rental bill**. There are however some monies still outstanding. Receipts have been issued to all those who have paid. If you have not received a receipt, please contact the school.
- The photographer (County Photos) will be in school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
- An information leaflet regarding treating head lice was sent home earlier in the month. While we have had just one notification of head lice in the school since we returned in September please be vigilant and check your child's hair **at least** once a week.