



News sheet

November 2020

Hello to all in the St. Caireall's school community.



It is my great pleasure to begin my new role as Principal of St. Caireall's Primary School. Not only do I get to be the Principal but I am also the Year 3 class teacher, another privilege.

I had the opportunity to visit the school in October and I was blown away by the welcome and the ethos that is very clear in the school. The high standards set by Mrs McHugh and the staff are evident in all I saw and in who I talked to. I am also very grateful for the continued support from Mrs Connolly who was excellent in her role as Acting Principal.

I have had many wise words shared with me over the last few months since I accepted this role and my only hope is that all those prayers and kind wishes will help to guide our choices and decision making in the future. I understand that times are different than the normal we have come to expect, but I know that everyone in the school community: pupils, staff, parents and Board of Governors will work to ensure that we continue to grow, develop and thrive in all situations.

Should you ever require any help or need to talk, please contact the school by phone or email and I will do my best to help.

God Bless

Mrs Michelle Ellis

Did you know that 1st November is the beginning of the Ancient Celtic Winter? We are still using the meteorological calendar which says winter starts on December 1st therefore whichever way try to bring coats to school. It makes outdoor play much more enjoyable!



Shoe Box Appeal

If you would like to donate a shoe box size parcel or make a small donation, please leave into the school before **Wednesday 4th November**.



Healthy eating

The school is continuing to promote a 'Healthy Eating Campaign.' We would ask that you send one of the following: fruit, a sandwich, cheese, yoghurt, plain biscuit / cracker, milk or water **for break time snacks**.

In order to provide healthy lunch boxes, please do not send fizzy drinks, crisps, sweets, chocolate or any bars containing nuts as part of your child's / children's lunch. We ask for your assistance and co-ordination on this project.

Dinner money

The EA Board section require all dinner monies to be lodged with them every Friday. Could you please ensure that your child / children's dinner money is paid up to date **by the end of every week**.

Please do not send any nuts, bars containing nuts or peanut butter sandwiches with your child for lunch as we have children in the school we have children with very high nut allergies.

School opening times and Breakfast Club

Please remember that the school opens at 8:45 as there is no supervision before this time, therefore we are unable to run a Breakfast club for now. Your help with this matter is always appreciated!

Parent / Teacher meetings



Due to the ongoing Covid Restrictions, Parent / Teacher meetings have been postponed and will be re-organised in line with advice from the Department of Education.

Please feel free to contact school if you have any concerns / worries.

A special message

I want to thank all the children, parents and guardians for their support while I was Acting Principal in September and October.

It was a challenging start to the year for everyone and I very much appreciate your co-operation.

We had planned during that time to invite Mrs McHugh into the school to make a presentation from the children to mark her retirement. Unfortunately, due to the circumstances with Covid-19 we were unable to do this. We still plan to mark this occasion as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we all wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

Now this month we are delighted to welcome our new Principal Mrs. Michelle Ellis.

We hope she is happy in her new leadership

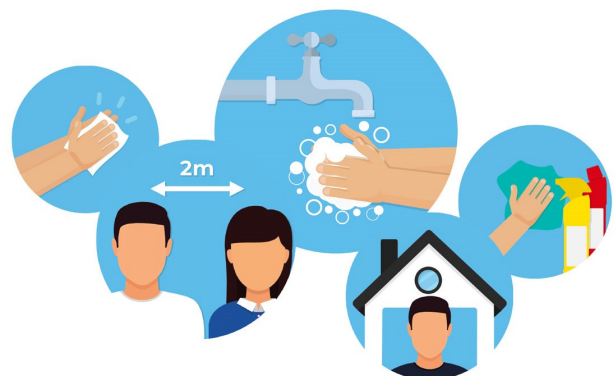
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Mrs Rosemary Connolly.



Important Covid 19 reminders:

- If you are standing outside the gates waiting on your child, please remember to keep your distance from the person standing next to you.
- Please remember if your child has any symptoms of Covid 19 **DO NOT** send them to school.
- If your child or anyone in your household bubble are waiting on test results, the whole family should self isolate and children **not come to school.**
- If your child has been in contact with anyone who has tested positive, please keep them at home for 14 days.



Thank you for all your continued support
Staff at St. Caireall's P.S.

