
19/10/20

Dear Parents,

As our first term draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone for your wonderful cooperation and support over the past 7 weeks. Students and staff have settled well into their daily routines and there is a lovely happy buzz about the school. We are working hard to ensure our pupils and staff continue to remain safe during these challenging times. Many thanks to everyone for taking the necessary precautions and for not becoming complacent.

Thank you for adhering to current HSE guidance in keeping your child at home with Covid symptoms. If your child is unwell in any way, we would ask you to keep him/her at home until they have recovered. Please email a brief reason for your child's absence as we are mandated to keep records for the Department of Education.

October has been a busy month in Cahir School with the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation having passed off safely and smoothly and families readjusting to homework. Mr Cooper is now taking 2nd to 6th class for GAA training every Thursday week. The Board of Management have recently purchased a new touch Screen for Ms Mahony's Class and have also ordered another one for Ms Lynch's Class.

The school also wishes to congratulate our Special Needs Assistant, Ms Theresa O'Shea on the birth of her new baby girl. We wish her all the best for the remainder of her maternity leave. Ms Kathy Riordan will be substituting for Ms O'Shea's for the remainder of her leave.

Finally I wish all our pupils, families and staff a relaxing and restful break for midterm. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term in Cahir School despite the challenging situation that we find ourselves in.

Le gach-dea ghúí,

Patrick Crean

Seesaw

Following a meeting between teachers and staff; we have decided to implement Seesaw as a remote learning platform. We have not received any information regarding the closures of schools and hope this won't be the case but having the seesaw learning platform will help us, should a closure arise. Furthermore, this App will be useful for families who are taking precautions by keeping their children at home. There are major benefits to using this app during school time and it will also cut down the amount of photocopying. Teachers will begin to experiment with this in the coming week. Please email class teachers on the following emails. The teachers will then email you seeking permission to use seesaw app followed by the individual QR codes.

Mr Crean- cahirschool@gmail.com

Ms Mahony amahonycahirns@gmail.com

Ms Lynch- celinelynch1234@gmail.com

Pick up/ Drop off –Traffic System

Our pick up and drop off traffic system is working well. We are aware of the importance of the safety of this system considering the dangerous corner exit onto the main road and the size of the school yard and car park. The Board of management would remind people of the importance of good driver behaviour and the need to enter and exit with due care and attention. Please refrain from using your mobile phone at all times and wait patiently for the car in front to move on. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings will take place from Monday, November 16th to Friday, November 20th. Due to the current circumstances face to face meetings will not be possible. Accordingly, teachers will be holding a 10 minute meeting via phone call. A text message will be sent to each parent the week before with a date and time of phone meeting via our text message service. If this time does not suit, please telephone the school office or email the school.

Halloween Dress Up

The last day of school before the mid-term break is Friday 23rd of October. Children are welcome to dress up in fancy dress that day, or indeed in traditional clothes to mark the last day before mid-term. Please do not bring in swords, brooms or any accessories which may be lost, broken or picked up by another child. Face masks and hats are permitted but please remind your child that only he/she can wear them and they can't be swapped with other children.

Enrolment new Junior Infants 2021/2022

The school is now accepting enrolments for Junior Infants for 2021/2022. Please contact the school office for an enrolment application.