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A Thuismiteoirí agus a Chaomhnoirí dhil,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all the children and staff of Scoil Bhreac Chluain after the summer break.

I would particularly like to welcome the new Junior Infants and new pupils in other classes. I hope that these new pupils will enjoy their time in our school and leave with happy memories of friendship and personal achievements.

All Junior Infants will continue to finish school at 12.00noon to help them settle into their new surroundings until Friday, September 14th. From Monday, September 17th they will go home at 2:00pm.

Office Hours

Tricia works in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9.00am to 2.00pm. On Wednesday and Fridays the office and phone are not manned.

Yard Supervision and Assembly

Assembly is at 9.15am. The Board of Management does not accept responsibility for any child on the premises before 9.15am. A member of staff will supervise the pupils in the yard from 9.15am to 9.20am. At 9.20am the children will assemble in their class lines and will be collected from the yard by their class teacher. We encourage all children to be on time for school. Gretta McCarthy offers before and after school care in the Sports Hall. Contact no. 087 9810510

Exiting the school at 2pm/3pm

Please note that all children must exit via the front entrance of the school where Mary our traffic warden stands. The only exception are the children who are being collected by staff members of the after school programme.

Beginning of year School Mass

The beginning of year School Mass will take place on Monday, 24th September at **2:00pm** in the Sacred Heart Church. Children can be collected from the church after mass. All children not collected from church can be collected at the school at 3:00pm

Stay Safe Programme

All classes will begin the stay safe programme in the first term. Information on the programme can be got on www.staysafe.ie. Please contact the class teacher if you have any queries.

Art and Craft/Photocopying/Class Novels/Supplementary Readers etc.

The cost for the year is **€45 for 1st child** and **€80 for 2 children, max €100 per family**. This money is now due and can be put in an envelope with your child's name and payment amount.

Pupil Personal Accident Insurance Form

Please find attached Pupil Personal Accident insurance form. It is **strongly recommended** that you take this opportunity of insurance for your child. Please return form and money in an envelope to the class teacher **no later than Friday, 28th September.**

School Uniform

Parents are reminded that children must wear full uniform to school at all times, except on specified P.E. days unless otherwise instructed by the class teacher. The school uniform comprises of ;

P.T.O.

- Navy trousers/pinafore (generic i.e. can be purchased in any clothes shop)
- Grey jumper/cardigan **with navy stripe** available at McKenna's Drapery in Dingle
- White shirt (generic)
- School Tie (available at McKenna's Drapery in Dingle)
- Dark shoes

P.E. days – Thursdays and Fridays – children must wear the school tracksuit;

- Navy sweatshirt with the school crest available at McKenna's Drapery in Dingle.
- White Polo shirt – Soccer jerseys and football jerseys are not to be worn.
- Plain Navy sweatpants

Voluntary Contribution

The BOM would like to sincerely thank all the families for contributing to the Blue Envelope scheme last year. The recommended amount per family is €2 per week which amounts to €8 per month. The fund goes directly to funding Aistear, music lessons, science workshops, nature workshops, referees' fees, drama workshops, story tellers, costume costs and much, much more. Without these funds the school would have to charge individually for extra curricular activities in the school or else stop them completely. All these activities enrich your child's educational experience. Blue envelopes will follow at a later date.

Healthy Eating Policy

Scoil Bhreac Chluain has a Healthy Eating Policy. Pupils are not allowed to bring fizzy drinks, sweets, chocolate, crisps or chewing gum etc to school. Also ensure your child has a lunch box or lunch bag to take home any uneaten food, wrappers etc.

Homework Diaries

Again this year, each child has received a free homework diary, compliments of Lee Strand milk. Diaries are to be signed by parents every night from Junior Infants up to 6th Class.

Pupil Absences

All pupil absences should be recorded in the homework diary. The school needs a record of all absences to comply with the National Education Welfare Board guidelines.

Children Leaving School Early

Parents and guardians must fill in form in the office prior to taking your child out of school during school hours. To cut down on disruption to classes, parents are asked to collect children at breaktimes, 11:00-11:10am and 1:00-1:30pm if at all possible. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Greta's Childcare

Breakfast Club 7:30am – 9:00am Afterschool Club 2:00am – 6:00pm
Please contact Greta on 087 9810510

Assistance with Childcare Costs

The Dept. of Children and Youth Affairs wishes to pass on the following information to any families needing assistance with childcare costs. All information is available on www.dcy.gov.ie

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Mary Murphy
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