

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **A note of thanks**

Our special thanksgiving end of year Mass took place on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May last. This was a wonderful occasion of thanks with our young pupils filling the halla with wonderful song and prayer. Sincere thanks to families who donated beautiful flowers of thanksgiving to help make our celebration of Mass by Canon Gerard Casey, Chairperson of the Board of Management more special. Sincere thanks to all who attended and helped us celebrate Mass together.

### **Enrolment Open Day – Friday next 19<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm**

All families who have enrolled your son/daughter in Scóil Íosagáin for September, 2017 should have received a letter of welcome by post. **We request all new pupils and parents to attend Open Enrolment Day on this Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm where all information regarding Junior Infants for September 2017 will be given out.** We look forward to this Friday a very special day in the school calendar. **On Friday next, 19<sup>th</sup> May all Senior Infant pupils will finish school at 12 noon** to allow for intake of all new Junior Infant pupils. The present Junior Infants will remain in school all day on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May.

### **International Week, 22<sup>nd</sup> May-26<sup>th</sup> May**

We look forward to International Week beginning next Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May. International Parents are requested to organise with class teacher regarding any aspect of your culture and traditions you would like to share with the pupils and teacher in your child's class. This might include food recipes, playground games, artwork and stories from your own native land. Please discuss with the class teacher the ideas you would like to share and organise a time to complete same during International Week.

## **International Day – Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 (weather permitting)**

We invite all our families and friends to our **Annual International Day on Friday, 26th May** beginning at 12 noon in the school yard (weather permitting). This is a wonderful celebration of song, dance, fashion, food and of all our different activities that are arranged for a wonderful programme of events. A special thank you to all our international parents who will set up tables in the shed representing your country, including food, flag and artefacts from your native land. **We request that tables are set up by 10am in the school yard to allow for each class to go out and visit each table and view and discuss with you the parents the various foods/artefacts from your country.** A detailed programme of events will follow shortly. Pupils and parents are requested to celebrate by dressing up in your national costume on International Day where a few fashion shows will take place. We welcome one and all to this beautiful day in the school – fingers crossed for a fine day!

## **Esther O’Leary Coaching - GAA Coaching**

Our Senior Infants have enjoyed ball skills and athletics training with Esther on Thursday for the last 5/6 weeks. This week on **Thursday, 18th May** all Junior Infant classes begin ball skills/athletics training with Esther until Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. We request all Junior Infants only to wear tracksuits and runners on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and each Thursday thereafter for training. On Mondays we request Senior Infants to wear tracksuits and runners each Monday during May as our local GAA coaches John and Aiden train our Senior Infants football skills much to our pupil’s enjoyment. (Weather permitting).

## **School Tours 2017**

This year our annual school tours will take place as follows:

<b>School Tours 2017</b>		
Friday, 2nd June	Seniors R3 & R4	Grenagh Farm - 9am sharp-1.40 approx.
Wednesday, 7th June	Seniors R5 & R7	Grenagh Farm - 9am sharp-1.40 approx.
Thursday, 8th June	Juniors R1 & R2	Mallow Fire Station. 9am leaving school, arrive station at 9.10, 30-40mins The Planet, Blackpool
Friday, 9th June	Juniors R6	Mallow Fire Station. 9am leaving school, arrive station at 9.10, 30-40mins The Planet , Blackpool

Our visit to Grenagh Pet Farm is an annual delight for Senior Infant pupils. The visit to the Fire Station is a very educational tour of fun for our Junior Infants followed by a very enjoyable trip to Blackpool to The Planet Play Centre. We sincerely thank our Parents Associating who are helping to fund some of the cost of the tour. Further details of tours and payment will be given shortly.

### **Annual School Sports – Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June (weather permitting)**

On Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June next month our annual school sports day will take place in the green field. This is a wonderful occasion of fun and sports for all in our school community. Make sure to put the date in your diary as lots of fun awaits both pupils and parents. Sprint races, novelty races, even Mam and Dads race will take place! More details will follow closer to the date.

### **Visit of School Nurse/Doctor**

On today Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Monday 29<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June the school nurse and doctor will visit. Senior Infants will be viewed today and Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May (hearing, weight and height). Junior Infants will be viewed in the later dates (eyes, hearing, weight, height).

### **Looking forward to:**

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> May – **Esther O’Leary Coaching** begins for Junior Infants

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May @ 12.30 – **Open Enrolment Day** for all new pupils for September 2017

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May – **International Week**

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May – **International Day** at 12 noon (weather permitting)

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June – **Senior Infant School Tours Room 3 & Room 4**

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June – **Senior Infant School Tours Room 5 & Room 7**

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June – **Junior Infant School Tours Room 1 & Room 2**

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> June – **Junior Infant School Tour Room 6**

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June – **School Sports Day** for all (weather permitting)

Please note: Scoil Iosagain reopens for the school year 2017-2018 on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> August.

Thank you for your continued support for the above events, mise le meas,

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Sheila Collins (Principal)