

**Newsletter**  
**January 2022**

**Enrolment (2022-23):**

Any parent/guardian wishing to enrol a child in our school for the coming school year is advised to download and complete the 'Application for Enrolment' form from our website. This form will be on our website from February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please download and complete form and send it into Pauline, our secretary. The final day for receipt of applications is Monday February 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 3.00pm. **This also applies to incoming infants who already have siblings in the school.**

**Internet Safety Week:**

Coosan National School will be having an on-line webinar on Cyber Bullying and Internet Safety for parents/guardians on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm. You will be able to avail of this webinar from the comfort of your own homes. Mr. Ronaldson will put a link up on the school website in the coming days, where you will be required to register in advance of this talk. The webinar is to be delivered by Jeremy Pagden, the Managing Director of Schools Websites. Jeremy has been delivering talks on internet safety to schools and parents all over the country and as such, presents the webinar in a professional and comprehensive manner. As this is a live and interactive experience, questions from parents/guardians will be encouraged at various stages throughout the session.

Cyber Bullying & Internet Safety are two of the biggest concerns facing both parents and students in the modern age so, we feel that not only will this be incredibly useful to you, it is actually vital that you avail of it.

**Book Week 2022:**

We hope to celebrate Book Week once again this year and we have a number activities planned to celebrate this week. (February 28<sup>th</sup>-March 4<sup>th</sup>)

- We hope to have a Book Fair in our GP Hall this year (more details to follow)
- Lucinda Jacob (children's writer) will visit our school and give workshops on Creative Writing/Storytelling
- We also hope to have 'Dress Up as Your Favourite Book Character Day' so we are giving everyone lots of time to have their costume planned ! We are hoping staff will also partake in this fun activity.
- There will be reading activities in every class for this week

**New Appointment:**

I welcome Michaela Barrington to the staff as a Covid Learning And Support Scheme (CLASS) teacher. I also welcome back Mrs. Nally and Ms. Beirne following maternity leave.

**Parking at the School:**

We are most concerned about parking at the school at 'drop off' and 'collection' times. We ask all parents/guardians to bear the following in mind to make the school grounds and school environs as safe as possible at these times:

- Please reverse park at all times.
- If you are 'dropping off' your child(ren), please use the drop off zone only.
- Please respect the Disabled Parking places at all times
- Please park responsibly on the public road and please do not park at the Hillquarter junction.
- Please respect the pedestrian crossings
- Please do not use the Staff Car-Park at anytime.

### **Entering & Exiting the School on Foot:**

When dropping off/collecting your child, please use the footpaths at all times. A number of parents/guardians are walking with their children through the teachers' car-park. Please use the designated footpaths and pedestrian crossings at all times.

### **Parents Association:**

The first PA meeting of the year took place on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January via Zoom. The PA thanked the teachers and all the staff for their efforts to minimise the spread of Covid in the school while keeping the children's wellbeing a priority. The PA also thanked the staff for all the fun activities arranged for the children in the lead up to Christmas including the Santa visit and the virtual pantomime.

The PA wishes to thank all sponsors, parents and guardians and of course the children for their participation and support in the Christmas raffle, which raised €2,400.

Anyone who wishes to have their Christmas painted stone as a keepsake can collect them from the Coosan sign before Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> January.

The next PA meeting will take place on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February by Zoom and all parents and guardians are welcome to participate. Zoom details will be circulated on the PA WhatsApp group and to the Class Liaison groups.

### **COVID-19:**

It was great to see restrictions lifted in recent days. However, schools still have restrictions for the foreseeable future.

Please ensure the following at all times:

- Please continue to wear masks at all times when on school grounds.
- Please socially distance when dropping/collecting your children and leave the school grounds immediately after you collect your children.
- Google Classroom remains available to pupils absent from school due to COVID-19 only.
- These and other measures are in place to safeguard the children, staff and parents/guardians in our school community.
- Thanks for your continued support, goodwill and understanding as we do our best to keep the Corona Virus at bay.

### **Mid-Term Break:**

Coosan National School will be closed on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 as per year calendar. The Government recently announced a Public Holiday on Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The school will now close on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June in lieu of this new holiday.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Le gach deá ghuí,

*Tom Flahive*

Principal.