

# *St Multose National School*

## *Newsletter August 2019*



### Welcome

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a lovely summer break. A special welcome to our new families. We welcome Remigiusz Pulawski, Esmé O'Dowd, Scarlett O'Sullivan, Lucille Schaffauser and Michael Collins to Junior Infants, Noah Du Plessis to Senior Infants and Olivia Ingles to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. Best wishes to Maks Florek as he moves back to Kilbrittain National School.

New parents, I am sure you will be warmly welcomed by our wonderful Parents' Association. The PA will hold a coffee morning on the first day back. This will take place in the hall after dropping the children off. It will also be a great opportunity for all the parents to catch up after the summer. We wish you many happy years at St. Multose NS.

As a newcomer myself, I am overwhelmed by the kindness of everybody and the big spirit of the school. I know that I still need to meet many people, however, I am looking forward to meeting everyone in due course.

As a staff, we are excited about the 2019-2020 school year, and we will continue to provide a safe, and secure learning environment for each child enrolled in St. Multose National School.

Best wishes,  
Jill Horan.

### **Some gentle reminders...**

The school day begins at 8.50 a.m. Please ensure your children are in school on time every morning.

Please ensure all clothing and other possessions are clearly labelled with indelible ink. There is a table inside the front door with unclaimed uniform, please feel free to help yourself to anything left there.

News and upcoming events will be posted on the website and/or sent by email. Please check your emails regularly to keep up-to-date with school events.

There is reserved parking outside the school for our school buses. Please do not park in these spaces at any time.

### **Change of Address/ Emergency Numbers/ Email Addresses**

If you have changed any of these or your standby contacts, we would ask that you let the school secretary know immediately. This information is necessary for the safety and care of your child during school hours.

### **School Uniform**

A sky-blue polo shirt and official school sweatshirt are compulsory for all children every day. Navy or denim trousers or skirts must be worn. Shorts may be worn in September and in the spring term. Navy tracksuit bottoms and runners must be worn on P.E days.



### **School packed lunch**

Children must bring a healthy lunch to school – no fizzy drinks, no sweets, no crisps please. We are a Plastic Free School so we expect re-usable lunch boxes and drink bottles. No plastic straws. Children should bring water to drink – no juice/smoothie cartons please. Milk is available to order daily through the school. Peanuts and products containing peanuts are completely banned in our school due to a peanut allergy.

We would appreciate your cooperation with implementing all of the above in helping to maintain a healthy environment within the school.

### **Absences**

Please contact the office in the morning if your child is unwell and unable to attend school. All absences require a dated and signed note explaining the exact reason for the absence. The school is required by law to report unexplained absences, frequent absences or late arrivals to school to the Education Welfare Office, who will investigate the report. School work will not be set during the time a pupil is absent for family reasons (i.e. holidays during term time).

### **Head lice**

Head Lice is a common occurrence in school children, particularly at the beginning of a school year. Please be vigilant in checking your children's hair weekly and informing the school immediately if you suspect your child has head lice so that we can alert other parents. Please note all hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back. In our school, Monday night is head lice checking night – please treat this as part of your child's homework.

### **School Bills**

We use DataBiz office administration system for online payments of school bills.

### **Homework Club**

Homework Club runs on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. It will start on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Please see the school's Homework Club Policy on the school website for more details or ask Sue in the office for a registration form.

### **Before School Club**

Sue O'Riordan will lead the 'Before School' and 'After School' Clubs. Please contact Sue directly to enrol your child/ren in either or both clubs. (0878525798 or [sueclinch@gmail.com](mailto:sueclinch@gmail.com))

### **Cadoo**

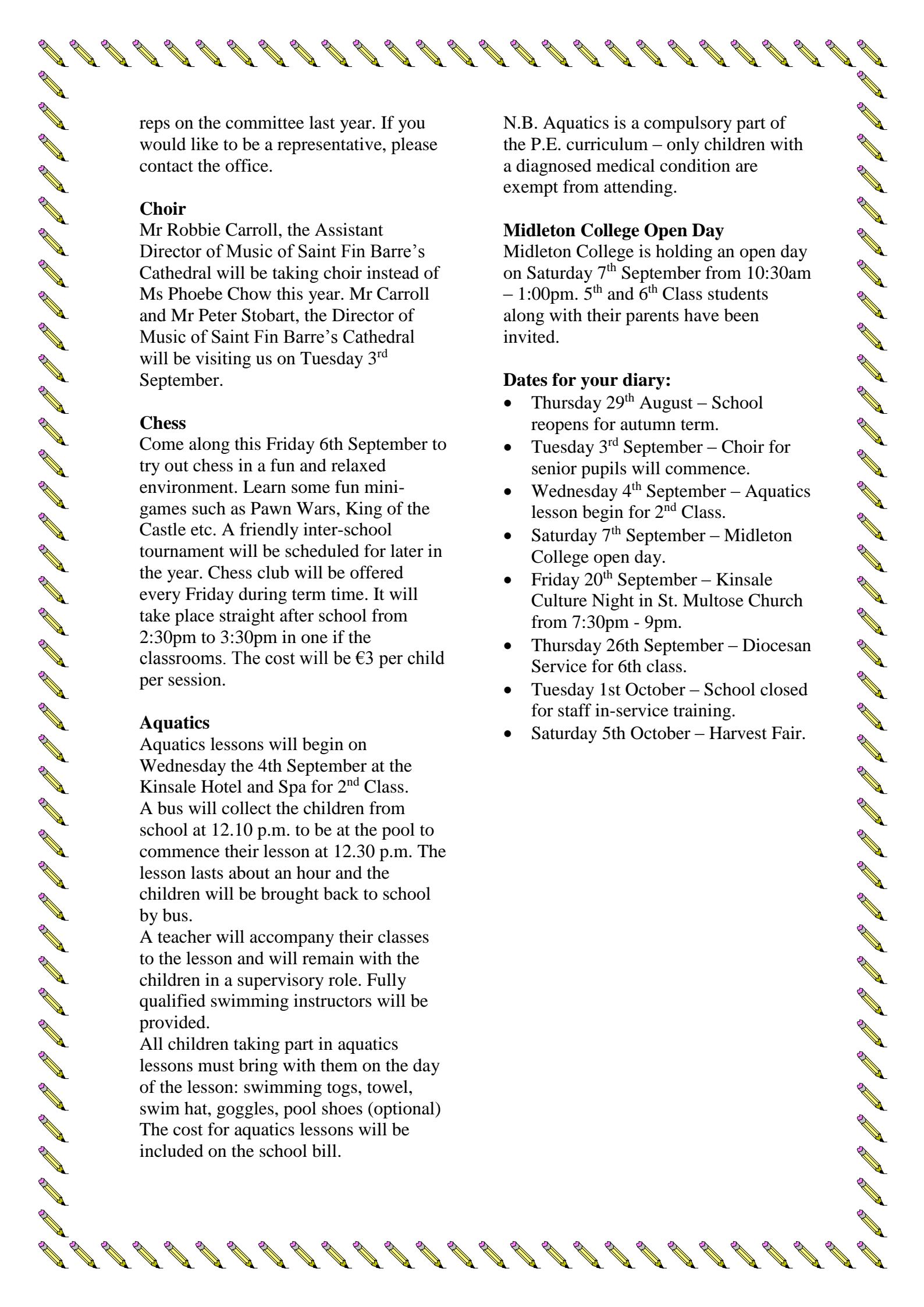
In the coming days, we will start using Cadoo. Please download and set-up the Cadoo app on your mobile device, this will enable us to send free SMS messages to you. This is the most effective way of sending messages, however, if you would not like to use this method, it is important that you let Sue know asap as the company will charge us for unregistered numbers.

### **Meetings**

Formal Parent – Teacher meetings will take place during the week of the 14<sup>th</sup> of October but of course, parents may wish to speak to their child/ren's teachers at other times. Please try to make an appointment, through the office or a note in the homework journal, if you need to see a teacher.

### **Interschool Sports Association**

Our school is part of the Interschool Sports Association. This is run by parents in a number of schools. We take part in hockey and athletics competitions (mainly 3rd-6th classes). A big thank you to Sue O'Riordan and Annette Cotter who acted as St. Multose School



reps on the committee last year. If you would like to be a representative, please contact the office.

### **Choir**

Mr Robbie Carroll, the Assistant Director of Music of Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral will be taking choir instead of Ms Phoebe Chow this year. Mr Carroll and Mr Peter Stobart, the Director of Music of Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral will be visiting us on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### **Chess**

Come along this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September to try out chess in a fun and relaxed environment. Learn some fun mini-games such as Pawn Wars, King of the Castle etc. A friendly inter-school tournament will be scheduled for later in the year. Chess club will be offered every Friday during term time. It will take place straight after school from 2:30pm to 3:30pm in one of the classrooms. The cost will be €3 per child per session.

### **Aquatics**

Aquatics lessons will begin on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> September at the Kinsale Hotel and Spa for 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. A bus will collect the children from school at 12.10 p.m. to be at the pool to commence their lesson at 12.30 p.m. The lesson lasts about an hour and the children will be brought back to school by bus.

A teacher will accompany their classes to the lesson and will remain with the children in a supervisory role. Fully qualified swimming instructors will be provided.

All children taking part in aquatics lessons must bring with them on the day of the lesson: swimming togs, towel, swim hat, goggles, pool shoes (optional) The cost for aquatics lessons will be included on the school bill.

N.B. Aquatics is a compulsory part of the P.E. curriculum – only children with a diagnosed medical condition are exempt from attending.

### **Midleton College Open Day**

Midleton College is holding an open day on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September from 10:30am – 1:00pm. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class students along with their parents have been invited.

### **Dates for your diary:**

- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August – School reopens for autumn term.
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Choir for senior pupils will commence.
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Aquatics lesson begin for 2<sup>nd</sup> Class.
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Midleton College open day.
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Kinsale Culture Night in St. Multose Church from 7:30pm - 9pm.
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Diocesan Service for 6<sup>th</sup> class.
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – School closed for staff in-service training.
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Fair.