



Welcome

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a lovely summer break. A special welcome to our new families. We welcome:

Alice Fonseca Vargas de Sa, Adelka Colakov, Lottie Bryan, Oran Jefferies, Dovydas Daugela and Mina Kanoute to Junior Infants, Moya Reen to 1st Class, and Louie Shorthall to 5th Class.

We wish you many happy years at St. Multose N.S.

Congratulations to our SNA, Maria and her husband Stephen on the arrival of beautiful baby Summer.

We welcome Michelle Kelleher to the team. Michelle is covering Maria's maternity leave.

We are excited to welcome Reverend Eugene Griffin to the Kinsale Union of Parishes. On Wednesday, 4th October, Reverend Eugene will be instituted to the incumbency.

Some gentle reminders...

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

Please note that we will not be responsible for children arriving before 8:50 a.m.

- For the first week, Junior Infants will be collected at 12pm.
- From Monday, 4th September, Junior Infants will be collected at 1:30pm.

- Senior Infants will be collected at 1:30pm.
- Pupils from 1st Class – 6th Class will be collected at 2:30pm.

Please ensure that you arrive on time to collect your children. If you are late, it can make your child very anxious.

Arriving to school

- This year everyone will come in through the front main gate and line up on their lines.
- We encourage a drop and go system for all.

Home-time

- The same routine as last year remains in place.
- Pupils from Junior Infants to 3rd Class will line up on their lines at the front gate.
- The teacher will dismiss each child as they see their parent.

Handle with care

If your family is experiencing difficulty at home, we would like to provide support at school. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning or weekend please email the school 'Handle with Care'. This will let us know that your child may need extra time, patience and help during the day.

Permission to walk/cycle home

If your child is in 4th – 6th class and you feel your child is responsible enough to walk home, please complete the permission slip on Aladdin.

Absences

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please fill in the reason on your Aladdin app. 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.

Early Collection

If you need to collect your child early from school for any reason, please notify us, where possible, at least a day in advance by ringing or emailing the school to let us know. You will need to sign your child out upon collection.

Possessions

Please ensure all clothing and other possessions are clearly labelled with indelible ink. If there is no label, it will be donated to charity.

Mobile Phones and other devices

It is school policy for pupils not to have a mobile phone or personal electronic devices at school; however, the school understands that in some cases a pupil may have a valid reason for needing a mobile phone. Therefore, all pupils who need to have a mobile at school must fill in a permission slip stating the reasons why they need a phone at school. Please let us know if you would like us to send you the permission slip. The school does not take any responsibility for the safe keeping or care of pupils' phones. Phones must be switched off and stay in pupils' bags during school hours. Mobile phones cannot be taken on school excursions or camps. iPod touch, smart watch or any other form of handheld game or music player must not be brought into school. Parents will be contacted if these protocols are not followed.

Communication

News and upcoming events and all key information about school will be posted on our Aladdin app. Please check your

Aladdin app regularly to keep up to date with school events. Information for the wider community will be shared on our school website and twitter page.

Parking

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 change these on your Aladdin app. 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 jumper/sweatshirt are compulsory for all children every day. The sky-blue polo shirt and school jumper can be ordered from the school office. Black footwear must be worn (runners permitted).

Navy school trousers, skirt, pinafore must be worn. These can be sourced from Dunnes Stores, Penneys, Marks and Spencer, Tesco or other retail outlets. Leggings and branded bottoms are not permitted. Navy tracksuit bottoms and runners must be worn on P.E days.

PE Days

Navy tracksuit bottoms and runners must be worn on P.E days. The following are the PE days for each class:

- Síológa - Wednesdays
- Infants – Tuesdays
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class – Wednesdays
- 4th, 5th and 6th Class – Thursdays

Milk

If you would like to order milk for your child for the school term, please let Katie in the office know. You will be charged through our online billing system on Aladdin.

School packed lunch

Children must bring a healthy lunch to school – no fizzy drinks, no sweets, no frubes, and no crisps allowed. We are a Plastic Free and Healthy Eating 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.

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

School Bills

We use Aladdin office administration system for online payments of school bills. On Friday, you will be sent a link to make payments for school uniform, milk etc.

After School Club

After School Club is starting on Monday 4th September. It will run from Mondays – Thursdays from 1:30pm – 5:30pm. The cost is €5 per hour per pupil. For further details, please read the After School Club Policy. To book a place for your child, please contact Ms Mary Witty directly on 085 275 3919.

Ukulele

Maureen O'Brien will commence teaching Ukulele lessons in October. She will be coming in this week to give a taster lesson to the older children.

Meetings

If you would like to meet your child's teacher, please schedule an appointment with the school secretary.

Formal Parent – Teacher meetings will provisionally take place during the week of the 16th of October.

Our secretary's working hours are from 9:30am – 12pm. Unless it is an emergency, please avoid ringing the

school phone from 12pm – 2:30pm. As a teaching principal, answering the phone can take from valuable teaching and learning time. We are happy to accept phone calls during the following times:

- 8:30am – 8:50am
- 9:30am – 12pm
- After 2:30pm

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help with the school garden and polytunnel. If this is something that interests you, please let me know.

Parents' Association

Every parent is already a member of the Parents' Association. We encourage all parents to be active members. It is a great opportunity to get to know the school community and to get involved in the life of the school. With your support, our staff and pupils can have amazing events, school supplies, and school trip opportunities.

On Saturday, 7th October, our PA will host our Harvest Fair! All proceeds go towards the school. Please save the date!

A final word...

As a staff are so happy to be back at school; it is always such a pleasure to welcome the children through the school gates. Their laughter, energy and enthusiasm for learning is something to behold!

It is great to be a part of a community where pupils, teachers, and parents care for each other and strive to build meaningful relationships that support academic and social-emotional growth. I am really excited about the forthcoming school year. We look forward to working with you in assisting each pupil to reach their full potential. Warmest wishes,

Jill Horan
School Principal

Dates for your diary:

- Beginning of Year Service – Friday
15th September @ 12:30pm at St.
Multose Church.
- International Peace Day – 21st
September.
- Reverend Eugene's Introduction – 4th
October at 8pm.
- Harvest Fair – Saturday, 7th October.