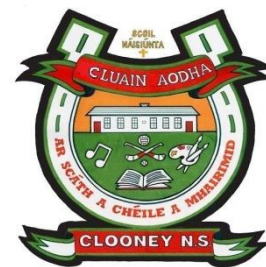


Clooney National School



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Newsletter - 9th of September 2021

Good afternoon,

It is wonderful to have all the boys and girls back at school and I would like to congratulate them all for a very successful first two weeks of school. I've no doubt that we're going to have a great year filled with lots of fun and learning. I would like to bring the following announcements to your attention:

Enrolment

Thursday the 30th of August was a very exciting day for Malcom Kimbadi, Culann Mc Mahon and Joseph Prior who joined Mrs. Gleeson in junior infants. We also welcome Ateeyah Kimbadi who joins senior infants and Jack Mc Dermott who joins us in 2nd class. We hope you will all be very happy with us here in Clooney N.S. Our enrolment currently stands at 64 pupils.

Sacraments

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Fintan Monahan in Clooney Church on Saturday the 11th of September at 3pm. We wish Alex Purtill, Ruby O'Reilly, Paddy O'Keefe, Dermot O'Halloran, Adrianna Minitier, Seán Considine, Darragh Browne and Emily Perill who are to be confirmed a very happy and enjoyable day. Huge thanks to Mary Corbett for leading the ceremony's music, Catherine Casey our soloist and Éabha Hogan, Ella White and Amy Collins who are singing in the choir.

The communicants of third class will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Saturday the 2nd of October at 11 am in Clooney Church. A date for their First Confession is to be confirmed and I will advise you of this date as soon as possible.

Office Hours

The secretary hours for the coming year are as follows:

- Monday – 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
- Tuesday - 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
- Thursday - 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
- Friday – 9.30 am – 12.30 pm.

The office will be unattended outside of these hours. The school phone will be placed in the principal's classroom outside of the above office hours. I respectfully ask that phone calls outside of the above secretary hours be kept at a minimum to reduce the interruption to the teaching and learning of the fifth and sixth class pupils. In the case of an emergency please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Parental Permission Form - Photography

All pupils were sent home this evening with a parental permission form regarding photography for the 2021.22 school year. Please complete the permission form and return it to your class teacher at your earliest convenience so that we may update our school records.

Appointments

Maintaining home school links during these unsettling times is essential. If you wish to discuss any matter with a member of the teaching staff, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's class teacher and we will arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss the matter. Please contact the office on 065 6835806 or email the office (clooneyns@gmail.com) to arrange a meeting.

GAA – Hurling & Camogie

Hurling and camogie coaching has begun again, and we are delighted that Pauline our SNA is taking the boys and girls in the middle and senior room for coaching sessions on Friday while the weather is good. All pupils in the middle and senior classroom will need to bring in their hurley and helmet to school on Friday. Please ensure that they are labelled. We have been advised by Cumann na mBunscol An Chláir it is hoped that there will be a resumption of schools competitions this year.

Education Welfare Act

Schools are obliged by law under The Education (Welfare) Act 2000 to submit reports on school attendance to the Educational Welfare Services of The Child and Family Agency (TULSA). As a result, the school is obliged by the above legislation to inform TULSA when a child has been absent for 20 days in a school year. If your child is absent from school, it is necessary for you to provide the following information **in writing, to the class teacher, the date(s) in which your child was absent and the reason for his/her absence.** If your child has missed 15 days, the school will notify you to remind you of our legal requirement.

All children returning to school after an absence must have a completed **Return to Educational Facility Parental Declaration Form**. Please see the attached form. If you have any questions in relation to this, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be more than happy to discuss it with you.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child(ren) is/are wearing full uniform every day to school. I would kindly ask that you please **LABEL JUMPERS WITH PUPILS NAMES** as they frequently get mixed up. Also, please ensure other items (e.g., lunch boxes, drinks bottle etc.) are clearly labelled to minimise the amount of lost property that accumulates during the school year. Please contact Pauline in the school office if you wish to purchase a school sweatshirt or t-shirt.

Healthy Lunches

The school continues to promote healthy eating with a Healthy Lunch Policy running in the school. Sweets, chocolate bars, crisps and fizzy drinks are not permitted. As part of our Green Schools efforts to reduce school waste we would encourage pupils to use **reusable drinks bottles and to take any lunch packaging home in their lunchboxes**. Thank you.

Homework

Please make sure your child's homework is completed each evening and homework diary signed. It is important to set a time for homework, as this prevents homework from going on all evening. The length of time depends on class level. If your child is experiencing any difficulty with homework, please make an appointment and discuss this with the class teacher.

Head Lice

We would be grateful if you would regularly check your child's hair. If you do find headlice in your child's hair, please treat and inform the school so that we may make all parents aware of this.

Principal Release Cluster

Under the Dept. of Educations' Re-opening our schools package issued last year, all teaching principals were allocated additional release days to undertake administrative tasks meaning that Ms. Minogue will be out of the classroom for one day week this year. On Thursdays, Ms. Minogue will be using our spare classroom as an office. Mr. Keane will be teaching the boys and girls of the senior classroom on Thursday. He will be following the class plans as devised in collaboration with Ms. Minogue to ensure continuity of teaching and learning.

Addresses and phone numbers

We would greatly appreciate if you would let us know if you have changed your email address, postal address or phone contact number. It is essential that we have up to date contact details for all children. This data will be kept secure and for the sole purpose of contacting you in relation to your child(ren).

Allianz Insurance and contribution to Photocopying costs, Arts & Crafts and Book Rental

Individual pupil bills for the above items will be sent home via email to all families in the coming weeks. As like last year we would greatly appreciate if you could pay these bills online. If you would like to arrange a planned, staged payment plan for books, photocopying etc., please contact the school principal in confidence.

National Bike Week – 12th – 19th of September

Next week we will celebrate National Bike Week in our school with a safety poster competition for pupils in 1st to 6th class. The boys and girls have been working hard on their posters this week.

Wednesday the 15th of September is National Cycle to School Day and we are very lucky to have a group of local community volunteers who will facilitate a cycle to school event for pupils in 3rd to 6th class. There will be two assembly points from which the children may travel from – Cranagher Cross and Dwyers Cross at Carrahan Bridge. All children participating must wear a helmet and appropriate reflective jackets. The cycle from both points will start at 8.45am with assembly beginning at the assembly points from 8.30 am. The children's bicycles may be collected from the school if you wish during the day as this is a one-way cycle. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Support of this event is greatly appreciated.

If you wish to contact me regarding any items on this newsletter or indeed school issues, please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing clooneyns@gmail.com and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Once again, welcome back and thank you for your support and I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

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Marie Minogue
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