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Dear Parent/Carer,

WELCOME BACK & START OF TERM INFORMATION

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this morning! We have had a lovely day with them and the sunny weather made it that wee bit better!

As always, we have a lot of reminders to circulate to you all at the beginning of a school year and I will do this in the first newsletter. I hope to issue this before the end of the week, if not, early next week.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

We will be attending Mass tomorrow morning (15th August) as it is the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady and is a Holy Day of Obligation. You are welcome to join us for Mass at 10am in St. Columba's.

OTHER REMINDERS:

- Please put your child's name on every item they own and bring to school. Please get into the habit of ensuring this is done!
- **School Meals and Breakfast Club are free for P1-P5 only.** P6 & P7 pupils need to pay for this. You should top up their online account.
- **PE Days** are still being agreed but we will let you know when your child has PE before the PE days are up and running. Remember that we wear **PE Uniform** on PE Days.
- All parents/carers should be signed up for Parents' Portal so that they can access a variety of online services (payments/absences/personal details). You can click [HERE](#) for information on how to sign up. The post is about pupil reports, but the instructions are correct. ***You must use the exact details you enrolled you child with. Contact the office for help with this.***
- Have you changed your details or your child's emergency contacts over the holidays? Please let us know through Parents' Portal.
- **If your child takes medicine** – we must have written permission (fill in a form at the office). You should also ensure that we have new medicine for the beginning of term.
- **Please park sensibly and safely** and use a proper space in the car park to avoid a serious accident.



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Meet the Teacher

WEDNESDAY 21st August 2024
from 3pm-3:30pm

As per our SAVE THE DATE before the summer holiday, we invite all parents/carers to come along to 'Meet the Teacher' this coming Monday. The procedure is as follows:

- ◆ **A maximum of TWO ADULTS PER FAMILY** can attend this event.
- ◆ If a parent/carer cannot attend, then grandparent, older sibling aunt/uncle is welcome to represent the family!
- ◆ All children will be dismissed as normal and should be collected from the main gate. This will allow those who travel in the taxi or who are not able to attend to be collected safely.
- ◆ Those wishing to come along to 'Meet the Teacher' can enter the building, after collecting their child(ren), through the main doors at Reception.

WHEN YOU ARE EXITING THE BUILDING:

- ◆ For safety reasons and to ease congestion, you should exit the building through the infant or senior doors to the playground and then through the main gates to the car park.
- ◆ This is **not** an opportunity to ask individual questions about your child's progress. It is simply an informal chance to see your child's new class and meet their teacher. **All welcome!**
- ◆ ***IT CAN BE VERY BUSY –so perhaps you would like to wait outside for 5-10mins before coming into the building? You can avoid the rush and congestion!***

I look forward to sending you some more information in the coming days and I look forward to sharing some of the dates for this term with you.

With renewed good wishes,
Kris Thomas
Head Teacher