

**St. Michael's & St. Patrick's N.S.,
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Once again, a school year has passed at what seems like the speed of light. It only seems like last week when we were welcoming all for the start of this school year. It has been a good year where we have all progressed and learned countless wonderful skills in many interesting ways.

The following information will be on our school website [here](#) and emailed to all families on Thursday June 22nd.

1. **School Newsletter**
2. **School Calendar 2023/2024**
3. **Uniform details**
4. **School Book Information**
5. **NCCA Information leaflets for parents/guardians regarding your child's education**
6. **Way to Pay Details**
7. **Board of Management Letter**
8. **Google Classroom Permission Forms (Third and Fourth Class only)**
9. **See-Saw Permission Forms (Junior Infants)**

If you cannot access any of the above, please let us know at the school and we will send these to you. If you have any queries or questions regarding your child's schooling, please feel free to contact the school by email or by phone and we will do our utmost to answer your query.

The school uniform jumper can only be purchased in the Magnet in Carrick-on-Shannon. The white polo shirt and uniform trousers, skirt, pinafore, and tracksuit are generic and can be purchased in numerous outlets. Please note school policy states we have a plain grey trouser, skirt, pinafore, or tracksuit.

All schoolbooks, copies and homework notebooks will be given to all students at the start of the new school year. Please note that there is no need to buy these as the school has been provided with funding from the Department of Education to cover the cost of these items. School books and workbooks will be on loan to all the children and must be returned at the end of the school year. It is important that all these books are kept in good condition so that they can be reused in future years. The homework notebook contains an abridged version of our School Code of Behaviour. This homework notebook forms an important part of the lines of communication between home and school.

The school are requesting a contribution of **€30 per pupil**. This amount goes towards the cost of art supplies, photocopying and Pupil Personal Accident Insurance for all students. We would be grateful if this could be paid early in the next school year. We will send out details on how to pay this contribution in September using Way2Pay.

If there are any schoolbooks, musical instruments or school library books at home, we would ask you to return these to the school before the end of the school year.

A strong school community is essential to a good school. We would like to say thank you to our parents and families for your help and continued support of the work done in this school. We hope that you are happy with your child (ren)'s experience in our school. We welcome all feedback from you so we can continue to try and improve our school for our students. We encourage all to become involved with our Parent's Association so their valuable work can be continued in the school in the future.

We have marvellous students in our school. Your commitment to your learning and engagement with all in the school during this school year has been notable. We consistently receive great comments from school visitors and when we are on school outings as to the exemplary behaviour, good manners and good nature of our students. We are immensely proud to be your teachers, it makes our job easier with your great attitude! We thank you most sincerely! You are a credit to yourselves, your families, school, and community. Well done, congratulations and keep doing your best.

To our sixth class who take their next step in Secondary School, we genuinely wish you every success in the future. As a group of leaders and a class you have set such a wonderful standard for all in our school. The warm and friendly atmosphere you maturely promote in our school has been a great template for all to follow. We hope that you have good memories of your time in Cootehall National School. Continue to give your best effort in your new schools. Drumshanbo Vocational School, Abbey Community College and Carrick-on-Shannon Community School have talented students coming from Cootehall NS to their school in September!

We would like to express our sincere thanks for the continued help, support and time given by Fr. Brendan, our Board of Management, The Parent's Association and Ardcarne Community Playgroup. It is great that our school facilities are enjoyed by so many as our numbers continue to grow and every inch of our indoor space is used to the full.

St. Michael's & St. Patrick's National School have dedicated, hardworking and caring staff. Thank you to all the teachers, Ms. Martin, Ms. Brennan (X2!), Ms. Tansey, Ms. Conroy, Mr. Conboy, Ms. Gilhooly, Ms. McLoughlin (X2!), Mr. Harrington, Ms. O Keefe, Ms MacManus, Ms Cregg and Ms. Corcoran for your dedicated teaching. Thank you to our Special Needs Assistants Pauline, Joan and Kate for your fantastic work. To Mary Fryer and Martina Fryer thank you for your wonderful work this year in keeping our school clean, well maintained and safe. A huge thanks to our magnificent school secretary, Helena Gilhooly who does a fabulous job in running our school quietly, efficiently and without fuss! Thank you again to all our staff for your dedication and energy this year.

Due to an increase in enrolment, the Board of Management has applied for a seventh mainstream class teacher for our school for the coming school year 23/24. Today the Department of Education has granted our application so we can now allocate our classes based on having seven mainstream class teachers. **This seventh class teacher has been allocated to our school on a temporary basis until October 27th, 2023. If our enrolment is 169 or above on September 30th, 2023, this post will be granted for the full school year. If not, we will lose this class teacher and return to having six mainstream class teachers on November 6th.**

Our classes for next year will be as follows

Class	Teacher
Junior/Senior Infants	Ms. Tansey/Ms Brennan
Senior Infants/First Class	Ms. Conroy/Ms. Brennan
Second Class	Mr. Conboy
Third Class	To be filled in line with Department of Education procedures.
Fourth Class	Mr. Duffy
Fifth Class	Ms. Christine McLoughlin
Sixth Class	Ms. Gilhooly
Special Education Teacher	Ms. Martin
Special Education Teacher	To be filled in line with Department of Education procedures.
English as an Additional Language (EAL) Teacher	To be filled in line with Department of Education procedures.

We, in the school wish the students, parents, staff, and their families a safe, happy, and pleasant summer holiday. Keep safe. Enjoy the break, it was well earned by all! Looking forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday August 30th at 9.30 a.m. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Principal