

*Scoil Mhuire na nGrást,  
Béal Guala,  
Co. Chorcaí.*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your co-operation with completing [Application for Admission 2023 2024](#), where relevant for new school entrants 2023/2024 only, and for forwarding monies requested in respect of the following:

- *Annual Voluntary Family Contribution 2022/2023 (€50 per family). E-payment link sent on 14/09/2022 & 17/10/2022*
- *Pupil Personal Accident Insurance 2022/2023 (All classes - €8 per/child). E-payment link sent on 14/09/2022 & 17/10/2022*
- *Weaving Wellbeing Pupil Workbook (2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes only - €5.00 per/pupil) - E-payment link sent on 14/09/2022 & 17/10/2022*
- *Junior Infant Requisites 2022/2023 (Junior Infant classes only - €20 per/child). E-payment link sent on 27/09/2022 & 17/10/2022*
- *Senior Infant Requisites 2022/2023 (Senior Infant classes only - €15 per/child). E-payment link sent on 27/09/2022 & 17/10/2022*
- *6<sup>th</sup> Class KYSS Mental Health Awareness Day (10/10/2022) & Bus Transport to Sáile Sports & Community Centre, Kinsale (6<sup>th</sup> Classes only) - E-payment link sent on 30/09/2022 & 17/10/2022*
- *5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class Sciath na Scol Football Bus money (only as relevant) – various e-payment dates in September & October*
- *Book Rental Scheme Participants 2022/2023 (Junior Infant to Second Classes €10 & Second to Sixth Classes €20) – If outstanding, most recent e-payment link sent on 17/10/2022*
- *Non-Book Rental Scheme Participants 2022/2023 (€5 per child). E-payment link sent on 17/10/2022*

Also, in relation to *Aladdin 'Connect'*, thank you for registering, downloading the related app and validating your mobile phone. You may update your family contact details, advise the school in respect of pupil absences/late arrival/early departure, book Parent/Teacher Meeting appointment(s) which take place this month, provide various permissions in relation to certain activities, receive regular school news via notice-board message updates ..... via 'Connect'.

### **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2019-2023**

Due to a parent nominee vacancy on the school's Board of Management (2019-2023), and in accordance with *Constitution of Boards & Rules of Procedure for Boards of Management*, the school welcomes Raffaella Valenti for the remainder of this Board's term. The school is very grateful to Macaire Adams for her contribution, as a parent nominee, to school life over the past seven years (i.e. BOM 2015-2019 & BOM 2019-2022).

### **PARENTS' ASSOCIATION – 'SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023'**

The *'School Calendar'* is always a favourite and a keepsake for many families. It has been supported, via sponsorship, by many small local businesses over the years. The PA has been liaising with local photographer, Pat O'Brien, and another local Belgooly man, Conor Coleman of *Island Memorial Cards* to ensure that it proceeds again this year.

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In order to make certain that ***School Calendar 2023***, always a favourite present for family members at Christmas, is available for distribution in December:

- School families will be able to order and pay online for ***School Calendar 2023*** for a two-week period only from **Tuesday, 15 November 2022 to Monday, 28 November 2022 (incl.)**
- You will receive a related link from the school tomorrow, **Tuesday, 15 November**
- To order, simply enter the relevant amount of money (i.e. €10 per calendar). **NOTE** – As €10.00 is the minimum amount required to purchase a calendar, this amount will appear by default in the payment box, however, you will need to amend same to reflect the number of calendars you may wish to purchase (for example, €20.00 for 2 calendars or €30.00 for 3 calendars and so on)
- Complete payment transaction
- **The school will not be able to facilitate orders received after Monday, 28 November**
- Calendars will be distributed to your eldest child in the school in mid-December

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parents' Association for the amount of time and effort spent organising ***School Calendar 2023***.

### ***FOLENS 'CHRISTMAS 2022 ANNUALS'***

The Folens Christmas Annual is available to purchase (**€2.80 per annual**) at the school for a limited period. Should you wish to purchase an annual for your child, you will be able to order and pay for same online for a two-week period only from **Tuesday, 15 November 2022 to Monday, 28 November 2022 (incl.)**. You will receive a related link from the school tomorrow, **Tuesday, 15 November** and to order, simply tick the relevant box and complete payment transaction. Once paid, annuals will be distributed to pupils from week commencing Monday, 28 November. **The school will not be able to facilitate orders received after Monday, 28 November.**

*Just to note:*

- Junior & Senior Infants – *Súgradh* (Folens Christmas 2022 Annual)
- First & Second Classes – *Spraoi* (Folens Christmas 2022 Annual)
- Third & Fourth Classes – *Siamsa* (Folens Christmas 2022 Annual)
- Fifth & Sixth Classes – *Sonasa* (Folens Christmas 2022 Annual)

### ***PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS (17<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2022)***

Further to previous HSN correspondence (28/09/2022 & 18/10/2022), Parent/Teacher meetings will be held on **Thursday, 17 & Tuesday, 22 November**. Pupils (First to Sixth Classes) will finish and leave school at **2.35pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** and at the usual time of **2.50pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The usual school bus provision will operate at these times. Usual 1.50pm finishing time for Junior & Senior Infants on both these dates. Thank you for engaging with the related booking facility on Aladdin 'Connect'. Our system of appointments will help ensure, with your co-operation, that you meet each teacher at the appointed time. We will have over 237 families visiting the school over the two days and, to assist with the smooth running of our meetings, we request your co-operation and support with the following:

- *Please arrange to be in the school before your first appointment*
- *If necessary, please knock on the teacher's door at the time of your appointment*
- *As teachers will have a number of appointments to facilitate, please note that a time allocation of ten minutes is being provided in respect of each pupil. Should there be a concern that may necessitate a longer meeting, a subsequent meeting time may be arranged*
- *If you have more than one child in the school, there will be ten minutes between appointments*
- *Should you be late for your appointment, it will be necessary to reschedule the meeting with the teacher*
- ***Please note, no electronic recording of any school meeting is permitted***

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2022 (INFANTS TO SIXTH CLASSES)**

Pupils and staff are currently busy preparing a variety of events to celebrate Christmas. We invite you to your child's Christmas celebration and we look forward to seeing you on the day. Please note details below:

- Thursday, 15 December: *Fifth Classes (Mrs. Clancy & Ms. O'Callaghan)* – Halla at 9.45am
- Thursday, 15 December: *Fourth Class (Mrs. Ryan/Mrs. Miyazaki)* – Halla at 11.30am
- Thursday, 15 December: *Junior Infant Classes (Ms. Hurley & Ms. O'Donovan)* – Halla at 1.15pm
- Friday, 16 December: *Second Classes (Mr. Cotter & Ms. O'Driscoll)* – Halla at 9.45am
- Friday, 16 December: *Third Classes (Ms. O'Hea & Ms. Healy)* – Halla at 11.30am
- Friday, 16 December: *First Classes (Mrs. Lennon & Ms. O'Leary)* – Halla at 1.15pm
- Monday, 19 December: *Sixth Classes (Mr. Lane & Mr. Hayes-Curtin)* – Halla at 9.45am
- Monday, 19 December: *Senior Infant Classes (Mrs. Finn & Ms Kearney)* – Halla at 1.15pm

**At the invitation of the school, we will have many visitors over these dates/times. Your co-operation and support with the following is required:**

- To assist with school organisation and hall preparation, there will be no access to the halla until **15 minutes** prior to the commencement of a class presentation
- In the interest of comfort, safety and unnecessary disruption to classes, **siblings of the pupils performing will remain in their own respective classrooms during the course of each performance.** All pupils will have an opportunity to view the different presentations during the course of Christmas week with their classmates.
- In the interest of safety, **no hot beverages are permitted in the halla**
- **Just to note, in keeping with child protection practices, and in the interest of pupil and staff privacy, photos and videos are not permitted on the school premises at any stage during the visit**

Thank you for your co-operation and support in this regard. A contribution to our *Arts Education Fund* of €5 per adult on the day is requested. Any contribution would be very much appreciated.

**SOCIAL PERSONAL & HEALTH EDUCATION (SPHE) – RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE & 'BUG BUSTING'**

As part of the school's *SPHE Programme*, respiratory etiquette will be explored with classes over the coming weeks. If your child is unwell, it is recommended to remain at home until better.

Many thanks to families for your engagement with 'Bug Busting' night in September and again last month. To curtail and reduce occurrence of head lice, please ensure frequent checks throughout the school year in this regard.

**'VIRTUAL GALLERY' – School Activities & Events**

The rich variety of activities and work currently being undertaken by the pupils and staff, in the various classes, all feature in the school's 'Virtual Gallery'. Recent school events (i.e. Community Garda Visit, Tree Day & Halloween 2022 celebrations), learning with technology 'Stone Age projects', 'Art Around the School'...are all available to view on [www.belgoolyns.ie](http://www.belgoolyns.ie) ('Gallery' tab) – please pay a visit!

**SANTA'S VISIT!**

Santa will visit the school week commencing Monday, 12 December.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Please note that the school will close for the Christmas break on **Wednesday, 21 December at 12 noon.** School will re-open on **Thursday, 05 January 2023.**

**WELL DONE & CONGRATULATIONS**

- *Road Safety Month (October)* – Many thanks for your continuing support and cooperation in terms of road safety within the school environs.
- *'Manners Matter' Month (October)* – A great success throughout the school. A significant life-skill for the pupils and everyone's continuing efforts are much appreciated
- Many thanks to our *Parents' Association* for decorating the gates and railing areas with some bewitching Halloween decorations and pumpkins just before the mid-term break. We wish the new committee all the very best for 2022/2023 and, as they plan activities for Christmas 2022, your input and assistance would be very welcome. Should you wish to volunteer, either as a PA committee member or *Friend of the PA*, please feel free to express this interest at the link below (paper copies also available from the school office). A special invitation is extended to our new school families who may wish to join the committee or support their work as a *'Friend of the PA'*.

**'Friend of the PA' link -**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0lVWQw\\_cRT1m8zOE8K41ds3d3TV4up1LC9wa4HMZGMPM9Tg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0lVWQw_cRT1m8zOE8K41ds3d3TV4up1LC9wa4HMZGMPM9Tg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

- To all the staff for the wonderful classroom and corridor displays of the pupils' work (*see 'Art Project 2 & 3' attached*)
- To the class teaching, SET and SNA teams for facilitating various Literacy/Numeracy Stations throughout the school
- *Seesaw* - Thank you to everyone for your active engagement with *Seesaw* – an invaluable online learning platform.
- In relation to *'Bug Busting'*, thank you for your on-going attention in this regard. To curtail and reduce the occurrence of same, your on-going monitoring, co-operation and support throughout the school year is required

**SOME UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sixth class teams *Lifetime Lab Primary Science Quiz* in Devere Hall UCC – **Wednesday, 16 November**
- *Teacher Artist Partnership (TAPS) programme* – Mrs. Clancy's fifth class will partake in this programme each Thursday over the course of November & December
- *Parent/Teacher Meetings* – **Thursday, 17 November & Tuesday, 22 November**. Children will finish and leave school at 2.35pm on Thursday and at 2.50pm on Tuesday. The usual school bus provision will operate at these times. Usual 1.50pm finishing time for Junior & Senior Infants on both these dates. Please refer to *page 2* of this note for further details
- *Kinsale/Clontead Community Games Junior Chess Tournament* - **Sunday, 20 November 2022** at Riverstick Community Centre from 11.00am to 4.00pm. For further details, please refer to HSN (18/10/2022) at [HSN Section](#)
- *School Calendar 2023* – closing date for orders is **Monday, 28 November**
- *Folens Christmas Annual 2022* – closing date for orders is **Monday, 28 November**
- *Carrighoun Sciath na Scol In-door 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Girls' Football Blitz* on **Friday, 02 December** in Riverstick Community Centre. Match times (TBC)
- *Riverstick Festival Committee* will hold a Christmas Market on **Sunday, 04 December** from 12 noon to 5.00pm at the Riverstick Community Centre. For further details, please see poster attached
- *Carrighoun Sciath na Scol In-door 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Boys' Football Blitz* on **Monday, 05 December** in Riverstick Community Centre. Match times (TBC)
- Santa will visit the school **w/c Monday, 12 December**
- Class Christmas Presentations (December 2022) - Please refer to page 3 of this note for further details
- The school will close for the Christmas break on **Wednesday, 21 December at 12 noon**. School will re-open on **Thursday, 05 January 2023**

Yours faithfully,

Diarmuid Hennessy

School Principal