



Crecora National School September 2024 Newsletter



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A thuismitheoirí, on behalf of the Board of Management, I would like to welcome you all back to our new academic year following the summer holidays. I would like to extend a special warm welcome to the new entrants and their parents. I look forward to all of us working together to ensure that school will be a safe, happy and busy place for your children to grow and learn.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Ben Finnegan who joined our staff this year. We are thrilled to have him with us. I would like to welcome Ms. Edel O' Brien back to our staff. Ms. O'Brien will be a Special Education Teacher as part of a job-sharing arrangement with Ms. Ailís Penny. We wish Ms. Denise Dillon the very best as she begins the role of Deputy Principal in Crecora.

We are thrilled to return to our beautiful new school building, and we look forward to a more settled year ahead. Should you wish to see our new spaces, please call in, we would love to see you!



Recent Events

- Staff returned to school on 28th August.
- The school reopened on 29th August.
- Literacy Lift Off commenced in Senior Infants and 2nd Class
- Maths Initiatives commenced in 1st, 3rd, 5th and 6th Classes.
- A Coffee Morning was hosted in the school on 12th September.
- 4th Class commenced swimming on 13th September.
- The girls competed in the Laurel Hill Camogie Blitz on 13th September. Congratulations to the girls who won the Division 2 trophy.
- Football training for boys and girls commenced on 18th September.
- A staff meeting took place on 23rd September.
- A Board of Management meeting took place on 23rd September.
- Our beginning of year mass took place on 24th September.
- School photographs were taken on 25th September.
- 4th and 5th Class visited Cashel on 26th September.
- The school celebrated SNA Appreciation Day on 26th September.

Upcoming Events

- A CAS Information night will be held for parents on 1st October.
- The boys will take part in the 13-a-side Football blitz in Boher G.A.A. on 2nd October.
- The girls will take part in the 12-a-side Football blitz in Doon G.A.A. on 7th October.
- Antibullying Week will commence on 14th October.
- The Parents Council AGM will take place on 16th October.
- The Scholastic Book Fair will commence in our school on 17th October.
- The school will close for midterm on 25th October.
- School will reopen on 4th November.



Reminders

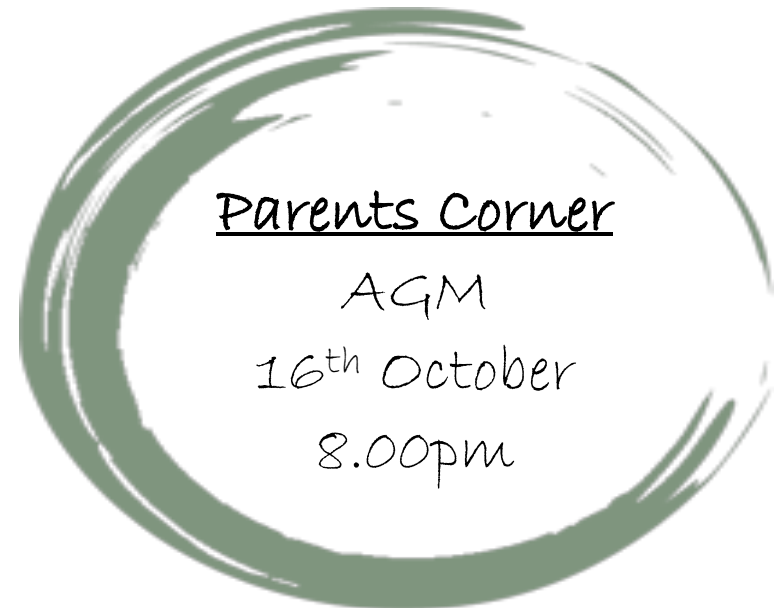
- Many thanks to all who have paid the required Art & Craft fee and a gentle reminder to those who have not to do so at their earliest convenience. All payments will be done through **Aladdin Connect e-payments** this year. Please contact Orla in the school office should you have any queries. Should you have any difficulty meeting this payment, please contact the Principal in the strictest of confidence.
- Should you wish to contact the secretary, Orla, please call her on the school number, 061-355228, or email her on secretary@crecoranationalschool.ie. To contact the Principal, Michael, please email him on principal@crecoranationalschool.ie. If you are not receiving emails from Orla, please inform her. However, please check your spam before doing so. When you receive an email through our Aladdin system, there is no facility to reply. If you wish to reply, you must compose an email to the selected address yourself.
- The Board of Management earnestly requests your support in the following matter. A child in our school has a severe nut allergy. In the interests of health and safety, no nut products are allowed as part of school lunches. Children are not allowed to have Nutella or peanut butter in sandwiches. Likewise, we have a child in Senior Infants with a Kiwi and egg allergy so we ask that children in Senior Infants do not have kiwis, egg or products containing same, in their lunchboxes. The Board is aware of the inconvenience that this might cause but we cannot take a risk with a child's life.
- As you are aware all families are asked for a once off voluntary contribution of €250. Many thanks to those who have contributed. This can be paid in one payment or over eight years at an annual cost of €32. This may be paid through Aladdin e-payments for Junior Infants parents only. Should you choose to make a one-off payment and are a PAYE worker, under the Charities Act, all schools are entitled to claim a tax concession. Appropriate forms are available from Orla at the office. This is a voluntary contribution.
- In accordance with the Education Welfare Act '98, schools are obliged to inform the relevant authorities of absences of 20 days or more. Emails from parents explaining each absence are required at all times and must be kept on school files for Túsla (formerly known as the National Educational Welfare Board). A phone call will not suffice. **Please note that all absences must be explained by email, even if a phone call has been made.**



- Parents are requested not to withdraw pupils for holidays during term time. **We would respectfully ask that you minimise withdrawing your child during the school day.** In exceptional circumstances, where necessary, please contact the school to indicate you wish to do so. Children will not be released to unknown adults under any circumstances. The school must be informed if there is a change in personnel for collection.
- Your child has twenty-four-hour personal insurance cover from 1/9/2024 to the 31/8/2025. This is included as part of the Art and Craft fee. Please keep expense receipts in event of accidents. Claim forms are available from Orla at the school.
- Should your child need supervision in the administration of medicine, the relevant forms are available from the school secretary, Orla. These forms must be completed and signed and accompanied by a letter from the doctor. Any required medicine, (e.g. Anapen, inhalers etc. as prescribed by a doctor) must be made available to the school and kept in the school medicine cupboard. Such medicines should be in date. Please **refrain from sending medicine/inhalers etc. with children.**

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Michael O Gorman
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Parents Corner

AGM

16th October

8.00pm