



OUR LADY'S GIRLS' NATIONAL SCHOOL BALLINKEER

Newsletter: 9th September 2015

Welcome back to all our pupils. We hope you enjoyed the summer holidays and are ready for another busy year. A special welcome to all our new pupils, in Junior Infants and in other classes throughout the school. We hope you will all be happy in our school.

We also welcome some new teachers to the school, Miss Ní Mhurchú in Junior Infants, Miss Ní Ghabhann in Learning Support, also Miss D. McCarthy and Miss O'Riordan returning to us in Learning Support. We wish them well in their new role. We would also like to welcome our new Parish Priest, Fr. Liam Belton and look forward to working with him.

We are delighted to announce that we are being provided with a part-time caretaker for this year by Southside Partnership. We welcome Roger Walker to this new role. We would like to thank Fran Carroll, our father's nominee on the Board of Management for nominating our school for this programme.

Photographs:

Our school photographer will be in attendance this Thursday 10th September to take a school photo and also class group photographs. All pupils should wear their school uniform.

Sunday Choir:

Now that school has resumed, our school choir have resumed singing at the 11a.m. Children's Mass on Sundays in our church. The choir is open to pupils from 2nd class and above and practices take place during school hours. New members are always welcome.

Collecting from school:

Please ensure that children are collected promptly from school as teachers cannot be responsible for pupils after the school closing time. For health and safety reasons, we would ask that dogs are not brought into the yard and that parents or pupils do not cycle bicycles or use scooters through the school yard. We would also ask that children do not climb on rocks or steep banks.

Pupils should ensure that they take everything they need with them when leaving the classroom in the evening as again for health and safety reasons they are not permitted to return to the classroom once they have left with their teacher.

Music Programme:

Classes for our school music programme will resume on Tuesday, 22nd September.

School Expenses:

Parents are reminded that school expenses are due by September 30th. We would appreciate payment by this date.

Gardening:

We would like to thank our volunteer gardening committee for their tireless work in maintaining our school grounds and sensory garden and preparing for our return for a new school year. As always, they would be delighted to welcome new members. If you would like to join them, please contact the school secretary. No previous experience or expertise required, just a willingness to help.

After School Sports:

Our after school sports resume this week as follows;

Monday: Gaelic Training with Miss Dooley and Miss Heffernan for pupils in 5th and 6th classes. 2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday: Basketball with Miss O'Neill, Miss Dooley and Miss Ryan for pupils in 5th and 6th classes. 2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Friday: Our table tennis coach is unavailable at present, but we hope to resume as soon as we can organise an alternative coach.