



## ST. JOSEPH'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of the academic school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to the school. Our pupils' strong support from home for teaching and learning has a positive effect on pupil attainment and on pupil's attitude towards learning.

We have had a busy and fun-filled year with meaningful learning experiences extending from high quality teaching and learning of all curricular areas in the classroom to participation in a range of activities, events and initiatives. Some of the activities, events and initiatives include our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class school choir being part of Peace Proms in the RDS, our successful participation in the Cumann na mBuncol league, engagement with a Drama practitioner through the BLAST initiative, participation in the Credit Union Quiz, the Forest School Project, trips including Dunboyne Library, a visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral and Collins' Barracks, participation in FAI Futsal, rugby blitz', school tours to Dublin Zoo and Let's Go at DCU. We availed of GAA coaching from our local Games Promotion Officer, gymnastics with School Fitness Ireland and rugby with North Kildare Rugby Club. We have welcomed guest speakers to discuss topics including road safety, online safety, climate action, biodiversity and dog safety. Our pupils enjoyed themed weeks including Maths Week, Science Week with a Science Show by Junior Einstein, Catholic Schools Week, Friendship Week, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Wellbeing Week and Active Week. Our pupils in 6<sup>th</sup> class prepared for their transition to secondary school by visiting Maynooth CC as part of Science Week. We have received awards for gardening through the Budding Gardener's Competition, the Pride of Place Award, and a Silver Incredible Edibles Award. We held a themed monthly whole school assembly and came together to celebrate success across the school. It truly has been a year full of learning, fun and memory making.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the staff who ensure the best learning opportunities and experiences possible for your children. It is the combined effort of the team who guide your children through their primary school years. I speak on behalf of the staff when I say that it is a privilege for us to share these inspiring and formative years with your children.

Please read through the following important information regarding next academic year. Just a reminder that the school email and phones will not be monitored during the summer holidays.

Best wishes to our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils as they embark on the next exciting step on their learning journey in secondary school. I have no doubt that you will all keep in touch and come together often to reminisce of your primary school memories of Mulhussey.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Yours in Education,

Mrs. Meabh Madden

Principal



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## Returning to School for the 2023 – 2024 Academic Year

As per our previous communication regarding the Department of Education’s book scheme, I confirm again that all textbooks, workbooks and copies are covered by the grant and will be provided to students by the school.

There are certain costs not covered by the grant which we will have to charge a fee to cover. These items include the following;

- Pupil Personal Accident Insurance (24 hour cover for your child) - €7
- Photocopying and Arts/Craft Materials -€35
- Digital licences for curricular areas - €8

This is a total fee of €50 per child which can be paid via Aladdin Connect.

Stationary items are not covered by the grant. Please see the required list of items for children at each class level. Please label all items.

<p><b>Junior and Senior Infants</b></p> <p>1 B4 Large Mesh Folder for Homework  1 Small Mesh Folder (A5 size)  2 Black Whiteboard Markers  1 Set of Twistables (Crayons)  2 Pritt Stick  1 Small Children’s Scissors  1 Eraser/Sharpener  3 Triangular Grip Pencils  *Please ensure schoolbag is a suitable size for lunchbox and homework folder.</p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class</b></p> <p>1 B4 Large Mesh Folder for Homework  4 Black Whiteboard Markers  1 Set of Colouring pencils  2 Pritt Stick  1 Small Children’s Scissors  1 Eraser/Sharpener  3 HB Triangular Grip Pencils</p>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class</b></p> <p>1 English Collins Dictionary  1 Irish Collins Dictionary  1 B4 Large Mesh Folder for Homework  1 Ring Binder with 8 dividers  2 Black Whiteboard Markers  1 Set of Colouring pencils  2 Pritt Stick  1 Small Children’s Scissors  1 Eraser/Sharpener  3 Pencils  2 Handwriting Pens Red  2 Handwriting Pens Blue (4<sup>th</sup> class only)  1 30cm Ruler  1 Calculator  1 Puncher  1 Tin-whistle in Key of D</p>	<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class</b></p> <p>1 English Collins Dictionary  1 Irish Collins Dictionary  1 B4 Large Mesh Folder for Homework  1 Ring Binder with 8 dividers  8 Black Whiteboard Markers  1 Set of Colouring pencils  2 Pritt Stick  1 Small Children’s Scissors  1 Eraser/Sharpener  4 Pencils  2 Handwriting Pens Red  4 Handwriting Pens Blue  1 30cm Ruler  1 Calculator  1 Puncher  1 Tin-whistle in Key of D</p>

**School Uniform** – Just a reminder that school jumpers can be purchased in Books and Gifts in Kilcock. The school jumper is a navy jumper with the school crest. Students can wear navy plain tracksuit bottoms and plain navy knee length shorts in warmer weather.