
Scoil Mhuire, Barntown

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A very warm welcome back to all our pupils as they begin the school year. We especially welcome the 37 boys and girls who started in Junior Infants. We wish them the very best as they start with us in our school.

This year we also have a number of new teachers – Ms Jane Barrett in Junior Infants, Mr Dean Walsh in Senior Infants, Ms Miriam Roche job-sharing with Ms Morris in Senior Infants, Ms Ann Marie Cullen in 2nd class and Ms Amy Rea is joining our Special Education Team each Thursday and Friday. We hope they all enjoy their time in our school.

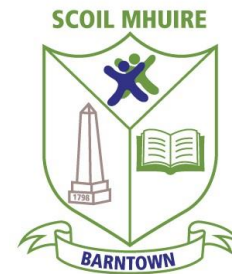


Attendance

It is important that every child has good school attendance to progress academically and socially and we would encourage all parents to send their child to school each day. However, when your child is unwell the best place for them to recover is at home, sick children should not be sent to school. Please provide teachers with a written note or use the homework journal when your child is absent.

Aladdin Epayments

As many of you already know, we use of an online epayment system. Texts and emails are sent out when a new payment is set up for the classes. Thank you for using this system, it is proving to be a more secure and easier method of dealing with payments. A new epayment for Pupil Personal Accident insurance will be sent out today. This insurance covers your child in and out of school over the entire year-not just in school time.



School Calendar

The school calendar was issued to all families last week.

If you did not receive a copy of the calendar, it is available from Shannen or Jacintha in the office.

Office Hours

The office hours are from 9:10–12:00 and 12:30pm – 3:10pm. If your phone number, address or email has changed over the summer please contact Shannen or Jacintha to update your details.

If you wish to speak with your child's teacher, please ring the office to make an appointment or email; info@barntownns.ie

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears their school uniform each day to school.

On PE days, blue polo shirts, the school tracksuit top and navy tracksuit pants can be worn to school.

Last year there was a high number of unclaimed school jumpers and tracksuit tops. We would encourage all parents to label your child's belongings.

Swimming

Swimming begins for 3rd class on Thursday 12th of September. Please ensure you have returned the consent form and have paid through Aladdin epayments. We hope the children enjoy this strand of the PE curriculum.

Morning Supervision

Please note supervision in the yard begins at 9:10am. Please do not send your child to school before that time. All children are brought through the back door of the school. If your child is late, they can enter through the reception door. Let's all try and get into good routine from the beginning and come to school on time!

Infant Collection @2pm

Senior Infants are collected from the back door of the school, Mr Walsh's class leave on the right-hand side and Ms Morris/Ms Roche's class leave on the left-hand side. The Junior Infants are leaving from the top door near the pitch. We will make arrangements for siblings to be collected from the one door when the Junior Infants start to go home at 2pm from Thursday, the 12th of September. Thank you for your co-operation and patience as teachers become familiar with both your child and the person collecting them.

Safety in the Carpark

We appeal to all parents to drive with caution and park safely in the church carpark. Our school has over 280 pupils and the carpark is busy, particularly at 3pm. Please encourage your child to walk on the footpaths in the carpark. The set down areas are currently used for children in Suaimhneas classes 1 and 2. Please do not use these set down areas as space is very limited in front of the school. We ask all other parents to use the carpark and appreciate your co-operation for all our pupils' safety.

Parents' Association

Our school have been fortunate over the years to have a dynamic Parents' Association and they undertake tremendous work to enhance the pupils' enjoyment and learning in school. I would encourage all parents to support their endeavours this year. Details of the AGM will be sent out in a few weeks' time. Please attend if you can.

Aldi Rugby Stickers

We are collecting the Aldi stickers this year in the hope of winning sports equipment and funding- if you shop in Aldi please send in your stickers.

In the Community

Blessing of School Bags

On the weekend of 14th/15th September, a ceremony to mark the beginning of the school year will take place at all Masses in the parish

You, your child and entire family are invited to come along to a weekend Mass of your choosing with your school bag and one book - and receive God's blessing for the year ahead.

Barntown Mass times:

Saturday @7pm,

Sunday @ 9am or 11:15am

Glynn Mass times:

Saturday@8pm

Sunday@10am

Choir

Do You Enjoy Singing?
Would you like to sing in a fun, friendly and relaxed group?
How about singing away your exam stress and worries?
Are you looking for a community involvement project for your Gaisce award?
Barntown Parish Youth Choir is here for you.

Information and Enrolment evening for children from 4th class to 6th year on Thursday 5th September in Barntown Church at 6.30pm.

Recruiting new members. No auditions necessary. You only have to love singing.
Contact Ann Stamp on 087-9004554.

Credit Union

The credit Union Savings Club starts back in school on Tuesday 24th of September