

Taunagh N.S.

Riverstown, Co. Sligo

Dear Parent(s),

We would like to welcome everyone back after the summer holidays. In particular, we would like to extend a warm welcome to Jaydon who has started Junior Infants. We would also like to welcome Ms. Hobson who will be working in the Junior Room with Ms. Crummy and we hope that she will be very happy in our school.

Warm regards,

Ms. McMahan

Updating Our Contact List

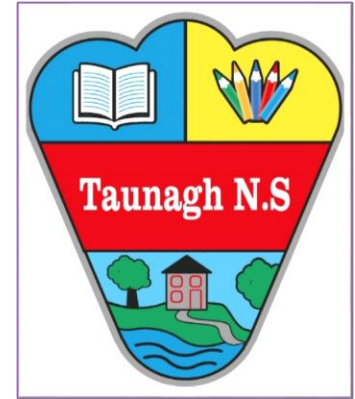
When contacting parents/guardians, it is important that we have your preferred details on file. Please take the time to complete the attached form before Tuesday, 4th September so we can update our contact list.

P.E. Classes

All pupils will need to wear their school tracksuits on Thursdays for P.E. classes. From Thursday, 4th October, pupils from 2nd to 6th class will commence swimming lessons for eight weeks (finishing on the 29th November) in the Aura Leisure Centre in Carrick-on-Shannon. We will continue to attend lessons with the children from Coolbock N.S. We have moved to Carrick-on-Shannon as the changing facilities are more in line with best practice for child protection with a greater number of changing cubicles.

A Word of Thanks

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the Books and Bakes event such a success. There was a wonderful atmosphere on the day and it was a most enjoyable event!



School Details

Phone: 071 9165605

Email:
taunaghns@gmail.com

School Website:
www.taunaghns.ie

Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/taunaghns

School Uniform

School crests are available from your child's teacher. They cost €6 each and must be sewn on the left-hand side of each jumper. Neat dress for school is essential.

Please ensure that your child's jumpers and coat are clearly labelled with his/her name.

As the weather is unpredictable, make sure your child brings a coat/jacket with a hood to school each day.

More Important News

Punctuality, Attendance and Absence Notes

I would like to commend all the children who are consistently extremely punctual. From 9.10 to 9.20 a.m., pupils have time to organise their homework and books. At 9.20 a.m., class starts. Anyone who arrives after 9.20 a.m. is marked as late and has missed out on this time to settle into the school day.

On the whole, attendance in our school is excellent. The importance of attending school cannot be underestimated. While certain absences are unavoidable, such as when a child is sick, it is important to remember that the school must tell the statutory Educational Welfare Services of the Child and Family Agency if your child has missed **20 days or more** in the school year. We strongly advise parents not to take children out of school for holidays during term time.

If your child is absent, please send in a note to your child's class teacher on his/her return to school stating the dates your child was absent and indicating a brief reason for the absence (e.g. illness, hospital appointment, etc.). Templates are available in pupils' homework diaries.

Summer Courses and Continuous Professional Development

Ms. Crummy and I both completed week-long summer courses as part our Continuous Professional Development. Ms. Crummy completed a course on supporting children's needs, while I delivered a course on using iPads in the classroom. This year, I am undertaking a diploma in Educational Leadership and Management outside of school hours.

Personal Accident Insurance

The school has paid a personal accident insurance for all pupils for the 2018/2019 academic year. It covers pupils for twenty-four hour cover, three hundred and sixty five days a year for school, social, domestic and leisure activities. Claim forms and more information can be found online at www.allianz.ie/schools.



Staff List

Teachers

Junior Infants – 2nd Class:
Ms. Rena Crummy

3rd – 6th Class:
Ms. Linda McMahon

Special Education Teacher:
Ms. Sinéad Reynolds

Support Assistant:
Ms. Jane Hobson

Caretaker

Mr Seán McDonagh

Cleaner

Ms. Amanda Sleator

Secretary

Ms. Linda Lyons

The School Day

Door opens: 9.10 a.m.

School begins: 9.20 a.m.

Break: 11.00-11.10 a.m.

Lunch: 12.30-1.00 p.m.

Infant Collection: 1.50 p.m.

End of school day: 2.50 p.m.

Data Protection

Please see our privacy notice attached. Our Data Protection Policy is available on the school website.