

9th September 2015

Dear Parents,

**Fáilte ar ais ar Scoil.** I hope all the children have settled in well back at school. We painted and redecorated a few of our classrooms and the railings near the office entrance during this year's summer holidays. We also did a lot of tree pruning and landscaping to keep our green areas safe. We are very proud of our school and with your help we can keep it looking clean and tidy.

You can keep up to date with school news and photos on our website or by clicking on the Twitter link on our school website - [www.greenmount.ie](http://www.greenmount.ie) Each class has a class blog and the blogs are regularly updated to include great photos of school events and activities


If you wish to be part of our text-a-parent service it is essential we have your correct mobile telephone number. Please confirm with the Office that the number we have is your most up-to-date one.

**School Times:** Please note that the Board of Management accepts responsibility for the children from 9.00am and **for this reason children should not be coming to School any earlier than 8.50am and need to be supervised by parent/guardian until 9am.**



Office Hours: 9.00a.m. to 10.00a.m. (Tuesdays & Thursdays office will open @ 9.30am)  
11.00a.m. to 12 noon  
1.00p.m. to 2.00p.m.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could keep your visits to the School Office to the above times as there is a lot of school work to get done behind the scenes and this is done when the Office is closed to the public.

 **School Uniform:** I would ask you to clearly mark your child's jumper, tracksuit, coat, lunch box, etc. so that they may be easily identified if lost. School Uniform must be worn every day except on P.E. day (each teacher will inform his/her class in advance) and on swimming days.

**Lough Credit Union Savings Scheme:** The Lough Credit Union has set up a Savings Scheme in the School for any child who wishes to avail of it. A representative from the Credit Union attends the School every Tuesday morning, **beginning Tuesday September 15th** to collect the savings from the children. This is a great opportunity to encourage your child to save and I would urge your child to use this service.




**Pupil Personal Accident Insurance:** Each year the Parents' Association distribute details of this Scheme to every parent in the School. **This is a further insurance cover for children and membership is voluntary.** I would strongly recommend that you take up this Insurance. Insurance Forms are attached to this Note and **the completed Form and money should be put in an envelope and returned to the Class Teacher.** Insurance cover for school hours only costs €6 and 24 hour cover costs €9 per child. This is exceptional value for money.

**Green Schools Committee News:** A Recycled Uniform Sale will be held **on Friday September 11th** in the lobby near the school hall at **9am**. All money raised at these sales goes to supplement extra-curricular activities for your child.



**School Lunches:** A school lunch is provided for every child each day (except when the School notifies you otherwise) since Monday last. The lunch consists of a roll or sandwich, water or fruit juice and a piece of fruit. If you still need to give your child something, please remember that fizzy drinks, crisps, popcorn and sugary cereal bars should not be given to the children as they are not sufficient to help your child get through the day. **Chewing gum is also not allowed in the School as it causes major problems for the cleaners.**



 **Milk** is now available to all the children at a cost of €5.00 for this term. Milk money should be paid in full by the end of September. Please give this money to your child's Class Teacher.

**Book Rental/Photocopying:** My thanks to all who have paid the Book Rental/Photocopying Fees for this year. I am aware that this Fee can be difficult for families to pay so I would recommend that you avail of our Savings Scheme which will be up and running by the first week of October.

**School Uniform/Tracksuit:** As you know our school uniform and tracksuit are now **available only** from Laura's School Wear in the Dosco Industrial Estate or Buckleys on Shandon Street. These stores also run a savings scheme so you can save in advance for your uniform/tracksuit during the year. Please note that Laura's offer a 10% discount on items purchased in June!

**Access to School Building:** All classes now line up in the yard each morning. Please bring your child to the appropriate yard where their teachers will collect them to take them to class. To access the junior yard, please use the gate at the end of the school building, past the office. All other doors will remain closed during school hours to make sure your child is safe in school. If you need to call to the school offices at any time during the day, please use **the entrance to the school building through the door at the office entrance**. Likewise if you need to call to your child's class, please call to the office first. **These guidelines are put in place for your child's protection and safety.**



**NO SMOKING:** please note that smoking is not allowed on school premises, including the car park and school gate.

**NO DOGS:** no dogs are allowed on school grounds, even on leashes or smaller dogs held in your arms.

**IRISH FLAG:** Táimid ag obair go cruá chun Gaelbhrtach a fháil. To help support us on our journey to apply for an Irish flag, try greeting us as Ghaeilge. Abair “Dia duit”!

**LIBRARY BOOKS:** As you are aware we are very lucky to have a school library with a choice of over 5,000 books that your child can borrow. The children love to read their library books at home with you. We need your help to keep our library well-stocked with good quality books. We would ask you to encourage your child to keep their school library book in its clear plastic folder and return it to the school once they have enjoyed reading it. Happy Reading!!



### **Extra dates for your Diary**

**Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup>** – A member of the Defence Forces will visit our school to deliver a national flag as part of the 1916 Centenary Commemoration. This will take place in the school hall at **2pm** and you are all welcome to attend if you would like to.

**Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>** – Proud past pupil, Lord Mayor Chris O’Leary, will visit the school at **9.20am**. You are all welcome to meet him. This will be a normal school day.

**Thank you  
F. Hurley.**