



30/9/2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to welcome all the children and staff back to school and to welcome our 12 new junior infants and 1 new senior infant to the school. We hope the children are happy and settling into their new classes. We would also like to welcome back Ms Barbra O'Brien to our teaching staff. Barbra will be teaching this year our Junior & Infants class. We wish Ms Edel McCormack all the best as she takes her break on maternity leave and welcome Ms Michaela Barrington who will be covering her leave, teaching 3rd & 4th Class.

### Our School Holiday Calendar 2022/2023 –



**Mid-term break** from Monday 31st October 2022 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 inclusive.

**Christmas Holidays** – closing from 12noon on Wednesday 21st December 2022 and re-opening Thursday 5th January 2023.

**Public Holiday** February 6<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**Mid-term break** -school will close on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 (inclusive).

School closed Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2023.

**Easter Holidays** – school will close on Friday 31st of March 2023 at 12 noon and reopen on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2023.

**Public Holiday** May 1st 2023. **Public Holiday** June 5<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**Summer Holidays** – Closing Fri 23rd of June 2023 at 12 noon.



**School Fees/Insurance/Book Rental:** We would ask that any families who have not paid their school fees/insurance/book rental could do so as soon as possible. If you wish to pay these fees direct into the bank please email the school on [streamstownschool@gmail.com](mailto:streamstownschool@gmail.com) and Ellen our school secretary will forward you our bank Iban & Bic details to you.

**Tesco Mullingar Tokens:** Streamstown NS are one of the 3 organisations selected for the current Tesco Community fund collection in Mullingar. Please spread the word for shoppers to place tokens in our container. Over a 12 week period the tokens are weighed and depending on which ever container has the most in it, €2000 is divided among the three causes based on the weight of tokens, so the more tokens, the more money for the school.



**Covid 19:** We thank all our families for continuing to be so very careful and not sending children to school if they are showing any of the symptoms of Covid 19. If your child's test result is positive, they should stay at home until **both** of these apply:

- It has been **7 days** since they first developed symptoms.
- They have not had a high temperature (38 degrees Celsius or over) or other symptoms for 48 hours.

Please ring the office to let us know so that we can inform the parents in the class. If your child is a close contact, they may still come to school.



**Post office savings book;** "Saving with Cyril" Post office savings book is up and running on Mondays in our school. This is a great way to encourage children to save and see the benefits in life from saving. Each stamp costs €1 each and a full book contains 20 stamps.

**Football:** GAA Football coaching has started on a Friday with our new coach Alan Mullen for all children. Children **must** wear gum shields every week. We wish our previous coach Alan McCormack the very best in his new adventure.



**Westmeath Schools Cross Country Championships:** Congratulations & well done to all the boys and girls who took part last Wednesday in the Cross Country Championships at Belvedere House & Gardens.

**Team Hope:** We will be facilitating Team Hope with their "Shoe Box" appeal again this year for this worth cause. Information leaflet will be sent home soon. Boxes will have to be returned to school Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

**GOAL Jersey Day:** We will be hosting "Jersey day" on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October for the wonderful charity GOAL. Children can wear in their favourite jersey on that day and donate €2 to this cause.

**FAI Futsal Workshop:** Our School commenced last Monday 26<sup>th</sup> the FAI Futsal yard workshop for our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class children. This workshop runs for 6 weeks. The workshop will be using fun games and activities to improve agility, balance and coordination, while also emphasising important Futsal techniques.

*On behalf of all the staff and myself I wish us all a healthy, happy and successful year ahead.*

*Mise le meas*

Richie Clinton

Acting Principal