



Dear Parents/guardians,

I hope you are all keeping well. The children have all settled into school so well and they all seem delighted to be in back in Scoil Íde.

Staff

We would like to welcome back Ms Kate Greene, teaching senior infants, Ms Aileen Warde, teaching 1st/2nd class, Ms Moore and Ms Murphy, special education teachers and Ms Áine Crowley who is subbing for Ms Crabbe and is also working as a special education teacher. We are delighted to have them all on our team.

Junior Infants pictures in the Echo Newspaper

The echo newspaper took pictures of the Junior Infant children last week and these pictures are in tomorrow's Echo. The school will be giving a copy of the Echo to each Junior Infant child. The children have settled into school so well and are really enjoying their new classes. Well done everyone. **From Monday 12th September they will finish at 1:30pm daily.**

Active Yard Breaks

Continuing on from last year, we are encouraging children to play games and be active at break times. Every class will get their turn, in rotation.

Walking/Cycle/Scoot to School

We would encourage all our families to walk/cycle/scoot to school. We have a sheltered area for bikes and scooters. **Walk to School Week** runs from **September 19th to September 23rd** and aims to encourage as many students as possible to walk or Park and Stride to school. Walking to school is one of the best ways to start the day with multiple benefits to children's physical and mental health. It also has a positive impact on academic performance and behaviour with higher levels of concentration and focus.

Parent Zone in the Yard

I want to remind parents to stay off the soft play area in the mornings and at collection times. Please remain behind the orange bollards and give the children space to line up/play.

Homework Journals

All children from 1st to 6th classes are receiving school journals. They will be sent home today and tomorrow. Children will be receiving homework from Monday 12th September. Please check and sign your child's journal nightly.

GAA Games

Ms Warde, Ms Murphy and Ms Crowley will be training our football and camogie panels this year. More information will follow soon.



Afterschool Club

We hope to start back with our afterschool club in the next couple of weeks. More information will follow.

Communicating with School

Aladdin is used for general communication with the school community, via text, emails and parent's noticeboard.

Journals; Children from 1st to 6th classes have journals.

Email; Teachers have provided parents with their Scoil Íde email addresses. So please use these to communicate with them. In the event of something more urgent, please email or phone the school.

Cycling Safety Training Course

5th class will take part in a 10-week cycling course beginning in early November. Parents will receive more information nearer the date.

Secretary's office/School office

The secretary is available from **8:50am to 12midday and 12:30pm to 2pm**. There will be no personnel available to answer the office outside of these hours. Please refrain from calling the office except in matters of emergency/urgency.

New Website

The school has a new website. Please check it out as we will be adding content weekly.

www.scoilideclondalkin.com

Attendance and Punctuality

Your child needs to be on time for school. Yard gate opens at 8:40am and the bell goes at 8:50am. The gates are closed at 9am. If you arrive after 9am your arrival time is recorded in late minutes.

If your child is absent please use Aladdin to record the reason.

Children should not be collected before the usual finishing times of 1:30pm/2:30pm except in the case of emergency.

Wishing everyone a great year of learning and laughter.

Catherine Keane and the Scoil Íde Team.