

A Thuismitheoirí,

I would like to welcome you and your child to 1st Class. Your child is now becoming more independent and we look forward to seeing them grow and develop and take on more responsibility this year. Your child will have the opportunity to participate in some new Educational Initiatives such as 'Mata sa Rang' and 'Literacy Lift-Off' and they will also learn the tin whistle during the year. We also look forward to old favourites such as our CAPER scheme and Grandparents' Day. We will keep you informed of all these events as they occur during the year. You can also keep abreast of school activities on the school website www.scoilolibheir.ie

Homework Journal

Your child will be using a homework journal during the year. This document will be an important means of communication between home and school. Please sign your child's journal each night and note how long it took your child to complete the homework.

School Policies

Important policies with regard to Code of Behaviour, Healthy Lunches, School Uniform, Homework, etc. are available in the Homework Journal. We would urge you to familiarise yourself with these policies.

Please note a child in Room 7 has a severe nut allergy so, we would be grateful if you could avoid placing nuts or nut related products in your child's lunch box.

Hygiene/Washbags

Please ensure that your child has a washbag in school daily. Your child should bring home their washbag each weekend to get a fresh towel. Thank You.

Homework

Parents will be encouraged at all times to play an active part in their children's homework. Homework will consist of a variety of activities including reading, writing, learning, drawing, colouring, talking etc. Please check that homework is completed and homework journal is signed each night. As per our Homework Policy your child should spend approximately 15 mins at homework + 10 mins Reading time (library books/ CAPER etc.).

P.E.

Please ensure your child wears the school tracksuit, yellow polo shirt and suitable footwear on PE day. Full uniform must be worn on all other days.

PE will be on Mondays for Term 1.

Procedure for withdrawal/absence

A child to be collected during the school day is collected at the office through our school secretary. In case of absence from school, parents must fill the 'Explanation of Absence' note which, can be found at the back of the child's school journal and send it to the class teacher. We are obliged to report any child who is absent for more than twenty days to the Education Welfare Officer.

Golden Time: As a reward for hard work/good behaviour your child may occasionally be invited to bring a toy/game to school. Electronic toys (Gameboys, tablets etc) are not allowed but board games, jigsaws, lego and games that

promote social interaction would be welcome. Please ensure that your child does not bring anything of sentimental or monetary value to school.

Communication

Good communication between home and school is hugely important so if you have any worries or queries please feel free to contact the office to arrange an appointment with the teacher.

Useful websites

If you wish to help your child at home here are some websites that you may find useful;

- www.helpmykidlearn.ie
- www.topmarks.co.uk
- www.ncca.ie/en/primary/resources-for-parents

We look forward to working with you and your child this year.