

September 2022

# St. Brendan's NS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year in Eyrecourt NS. We welcome our junior infant pupils Nuncio, Sarah, Ciara, Lily, Ella, Vincent and Max. I am delighted to have our full team of teachers back, especially Ms Clarke who is covering Mrs. Greaney's parental leave this year.

It looks to be a very busy year with school outings, activities and projects all fully back after Covid-19. We are also learning about being a DEIS school, the planning and paperwork involved and our obligations to the inspectorate.

I am currently on my first two week block of the Postgraduate Diploma in Special Education Needs in the University of Galway. The school is in the capable hands of the acting principal Ms. McGettigan.

Yours sincerely,

*Eilís Treacy*

School Principal



## Parent Teacher Meetings 2022

This year we will return to face to face parent teacher meetings.

They will be held on Wednesday and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of October from 6.30 to 8.30pm. Parents will be asked to indicate their preferences for days and time on the first week of October. We look forward to meeting with all parents to plan the year ahead for their son/daughter.



## Upcoming Events

<http://www.eyrecourtns.ie/calendar.php>  
for full year of school holidays and important dates

### Fri 23rd Sept

School Mass

### Wed 12th & Thurs 13th Oct

Parent Teacher Meetings

### November

Cash for Clobber

## Money collections:

### School books

Thank you to all parents for setting up your children so well for year. All pupils are now well equipped for their learning. Special word of thanks to Patricia for all her work coordinating deliveries and money collection.

### Secretary:

Patricia is in the school office

Mon-Thurs 9am-11am

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## Some back to school pointers:

**9.20am:** School begins; children line up on yard and wait for their teacher.

**Absence:** Absences must be explained by a note on the school diary or in the homework folder to the class teacher. The school is under obligation to report to TUSLA any pupil who misses more than 20 days.

**Behaviour:** All children should behave appropriately at all times

**Homework:** Please check your child's homework each night

**Hygiene:** Please help your child to realise the importance of healthy habits

**Uniform:** Children are asked to wear the school uniform. Our school tracksuit is so similar it can be worn as school uniform. Children should wear runners/trainers that they can run and exercise in.

**Labels:** All your children's belongings should be labeled to avoid confusion. School jumpers in particular are easily confused. If you write their name on the label, refresh it from time to time as it does fade in the wash. Stitching their names on or buying the iron-on labels seem to be the most permanent solutions.

**Lunches:** The children benefit from the healthy lunch policy and we would like to see this observed by all (no crisps, sweets, bars, biscuits, chocolate spreads or fizzy drinks).

**Packaging:** Please keep packaging in lunches to a minimum for us to maintain our Green School status. We ask the children to take their rubbish back home with them. This is to encourage less packaging and also for parents to see how much lunch their child is actually eating.

**Money:** All money being sent to the school should be placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name and the amount enclosed clearly written on the outside.

### Cash for Clobber

We will have cash for clobber again after the Halloween break. Clothes may be left into the school for storage for November.

### Pupil Personal Accident Insurance

This insurance covers **24 hours** of the day. If your child has any injury or accident at school or at home and you incur expenses such as A&E, out of hours doctor, scans etc, these are all fully covered

under their insurance. Just ask Patricia for the form from the school and you can claim back all expenses.

### Uniform Tops

We had some quality issues with some of our uniform tops this year. They are being exchanged by the Schoolwear centre. If you have any issues with the quality, please let us know and we will investigate.

## Text-a-parent

A text is sent to one parent of each family for important notices, emergencies or when a newsletter is sent home/online.

If you haven't received any text yet please send a note to your class teacher with phone number, contact name and pupils name.

# COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Saturday 24th Sept at 5pm  
in Eyrecourt Hall

"Hosted by the Community for the Community"

Local Group Exhibitions  
**Fun Games, Music & BBQ Everyone Welcome**

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