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## Admissions for Junior Infants September 2024

Please visit: Our School  $\rightarrow$  Enrolment / Admissions where you can read our Policy and Notice. Please tell any friends & family who may have a child hoping to start school in September 2024. It's important they read these notices, as there are 'cut off dates'. Enrolment Form can be collected from the office: 8.50am-2.20pm.

Late for school: We ask that all parents/guardians try and have their child(ren) at the classroom door at 8.50am.

The same children are late every day and it's causing serious disruption. In our school the first 10/15 minutes of school are so important as it takes the children that amount of time to settle down, engage in constructive play, chat with their teacher and peers and set themselves up for the day. Children who are late miss out on all this and are also late for their Group Work and Learning Support as well as having homework checked.

Our secretary, Connie, and myself, are like bus conductors / tour guides in the morning escorting late children up and down the corridor.

Classroom doors are locked from 9.00am so Teaching & Learning can begin. After that time children have to use the main door.

HSCL: Ms. Delany has invited parents of Junior Infants to meet with her @9am Tues.  $23^{rd}$  to chat and talk about Stay Safe Programme and @9am Wed.  $24^{th}$  she's meeting Sr. Infant Parents to chat and talk about the RSE programme.

Reading for Pleasure: Ms. Delaney & Ms. Finn have organsied our annual Reading for Pleasure 3 week session. We hope to have lots of fun reading activities over the next 3 weeks. It will end with each year group having a Show & Tell with their parents in the hall.

ASD Build: Our new ASD Building is up for e-tender and on Thursday and Friday our school will be visited by many companies interested in becoming the one who gets the project. Exciting times in the Jr. School

Roof / Water Tanks: At long long last the Dept. of Ed has lodged the money in our bank account so that the remediation works can begin. It's only a first step but at last we can take it. It's been a struggle but hopefully the next tranche of money won't take as long.

Half Days / Closed Days: Check the email that was sent last week with a list of all 'these' days in Jan. & Feb. There are a good few! Please check your email as it's how we send out school notes. Only 3 parents don't have an email address. Ring Connie if you need to give her one or if you need to change your email address. Please check ©

Sincerely, A. Plunkett