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# Clonburris N.S.

## Our Lady Queen of the Apostles

### *Learn, Believe, Achieve!*

# Newsletter September 2020



### Welcome back to School!

It's great to see all the boys and girls back in school safely after the school closure. Thank you all very much for your cooperation with our Covid-19 protocols. This ensures that the school remains as safe as possible during these challenging times. A big thank you to all the staff members who spent the month of August planning and preparing for our opening on the 27th of August. I think that you will agree that all of the hard work was worth it in the end.



### Welcome Junior Infants

A big welcome to our new Junior Infants this year. They are settling into school life in Clonburris N.S. very well. Well done!

### Safety Outside the School Gates

Please be careful as you drive close to the school. The County Council are repairing footpaths around Dunawley at the moment. There will be one usable footpath on approach to the school. We are asking all pedestrians, adults and children to use this footpath rather than walking on the road.

### IMPORTANT Safety Notice

**Please do not turn your cars at the entrance to the senior yard as the children enter and leave the school.**

This endangers the lives of children as they walk into and leave the school.



A big thank you to all the parents who have co-operated with all requests to date.

### Collecting Children at Home-time

When collecting your child from the yard at home-time please follow the one way walk into and out of the yard.

### Farewell Mr. Murphy

All the staff and pupils of Clonburris N.S. will be very sad to say farewell to Mr. Murphy on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. He has taught in Clonburris N.S. for the last 35 years working at all class levels and for the last part of his teaching career in our special class. Mr. Murphy is a quiet man who has worked diligently for our school helping out in any capacity needed over the years. He became Principal of our school in September 2017 and has been a great leader. He has been a tremendous colleague, friend and mentor to all of us. We wish him well on his retirement and hope he enjoys his time on the golf course and walking the mountains of Ireland.

"Go n-eirí an bóthar leat!"

From all the staff and pupils in Clonburris



### Dates for your Diary

**First Communion:** Saturday 19th September and Saturday 26th September

**Halloween Break:** Oct 26th – Oct 30th (inclusive)

**Christmas Break:** Dec 22nd (half-day) - Jan 6th (return to school)

**Mid-Term:** Feb 15th—Feb 19th (inclusive)

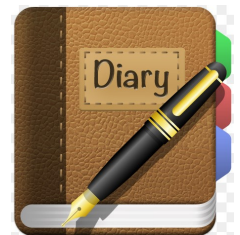
**St. Patricks Day (National Bank Holiday):** March 17th

**Easter Break:** March 29th— April 9th (inclusive)

**May Mid-term:** May 3rd— May 7th (inclusive)

**June Bank Holiday:** June 7th

**Summer Break:** June 30th (close at 12pm)



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**HSCL HOME/SCHOOL/COMMUNITY LIAISON** While your child is attending Clonburris we are always delighted to see parents and guardians involved in our school community. Call the school, or get in touch with Ms. Kerins at 083 8490219 or email [HomeschClonburris@gmail.com](mailto:HomeschClonburris@gmail.com).

### Aladdin Connect

We are currently setting up Aladdin Connect for all our families. You should have received a link for the app by now. There is one link issued per family. This is how we will be sending out the newsletter, notes and permission slips going forward.

If you have any difficulties with the app please contact Rachel Kerins HSCL coordinator .

### Handwashing

We all have our role to play in keeping germs at bay. Teach your child these five steps to handwashing:



1. Wash with water
2. Soap
3. Rub between fingers, thumbs and all parts of the hands for 20 seconds.
4. Rinse
5. Dry

### If your child has symptoms of COVID-19

Do not send your child to school if any of the following is true.

Your child has:

- A temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more.
- A new cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.
- Been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus.
- Been living with someone who is unwell and may have coronavirus.
- An existing breathing condition that has recently got worse.

Call your GP for further medical advice.  
This is free of charge.

### Website & Twitter

Please remember to check our website [www.clonburrisns.ie](http://www.clonburrisns.ie) and our Twitter feed [@ClonburrisNS](https://twitter.com/ClonburrisNS) for important dates such as holidays and school news. It also displays lots of work going on in your child's class and has lots of links to fun activities. Please read our Acceptable Use Policy on our policies page.



**Signing Out:** If you have to collect your child early please call to the school door and wait outside. Patricia will call your child from their class and your child will be signed out.

**School lunches** A number of children who attend our school have severe nut, egg and kiwi allergies. Please do not include any food containing these items (including cereal bars etc.) in your child's lunch.



### Back to school Tips

**Sleep Routine:** Try to stick to the same time every night. Create a relaxing age appropriate wind-down routine for the hour before lights off. Some wind down activities include bath time, reading a book, drawing or colouring, listening to music, going for a walk. Stick to this routine.

**Screen time:** Work towards no screen time an hour before bed time to improve sleep quality. Where possible no screens in bedrooms.

**Morning routine:** Encourage your child to get everything ready the evening before. Help your child understand that time management is needed to get up and get ready, have breakfast, be on time for school.

**Evening routine:** Change out of their uniform as soon as they get home. Have a snack and a chat. Have some time outside. Get everything ready for the morning.

