# **Letter from the Principal**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to thank you all for your wonderful support and co-operation in reopening our school. We are all delighted to have had such a successful start to our new school year and to be 'le chéile arís'.

#### **Drop Off/Collection Information**

Please note the following changes to drop off/collection time;

- From Monday 14th September, all classes can be dropped off from 8.50am.
- Junior Infants will finish at 1.30pm
- Senior Infants will finish at 1.40pm
- 1st Class will finish at 2.30pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Class will finish at 2.40pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Class will finish at 2.45pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Class will finish at 2.40pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Class will finish at 2.35pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Class will finish at 2.30pm

### **School Lunches**

Carambola lunches are available to all classes from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. These lunches are nutritionally balanced and there is a wide variety of options to choose from. Please contact Fiona if you need help changing options, etc. All children must bring a healthy lunch to school.

### **School Activities**

We are delighted welcome Jackie Kinch back to our school for GAA training. We are very grateful to Newtown GAA for their continued support and for working closely with us to ensure this wonderful programme can be delivered safely within the current guidelines.

We will also be welcoming Music Generation back to our school in October. We are working closely with the programme facilitators to ensure all safety guidelines are implemented.

### **School Office**

Fiona will be in the Senior School Office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and in the Junior School Office on Tuesday and Thursday.

Sinéad will be in the Junior School Office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and in the Senior School Office on Tuesday and Thursday.

### **Parents Association**

There is information about Parent Association meetings and fundraising activities on our school website. Unfortunately, due to the current Covid-19 restrictions we have to limit the number of parents who can attend our meetings in school. Please contact committee members if there are any ideas or issues which you would like to raise at these meetings. Our next meeting takes place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

<u>Clothes Collection Fundraiser</u> - This takes place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 8.30am-9.30am in the Community Centre. All items must be in bags and we ask you to wear a mask when dropping off items at the door. We will collect bags from vehicles where possible. Please maintain social distance at all times.

## **First Holy Communion**

3<sup>rd</sup> class pupils will make their First Holy Communion on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September and the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October. We hope they have a wonderful day and wish all families well as they prepare their children for this sacrament.

Thank you once again for all your co-operation and support in ensuring safety guidelines are being followed. You are helping to keep our school community safe.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Deirdre Lennon. School Principal.