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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable summer break for everyone. On Monday September 2nd we were delighted to welcome all our pupils, especially the twenty-six Junior Infants and the six new pupils in other classes throughout the school. There was great excitement as the new pupils found their seats and settled into their classrooms. The children quickly got into the swing of things and have settled very well into the new school routines over the last few weeks.

The class allocation this year is as follows:

Class Teachers	SET Teachers	SNAs
Junior Infants - Ms Breslin	Ms. Mc Gloin	Pauline Faherty
Senior Infants - Ms. Cahillane	Ms Summerville	Edel Rodger
1st - Ms. Conneely	Ms. Mc Cauley	Teresa Patterson,
2nd - Mr. Timoney	Ms. O'Donnell	Anna Gallagher,
Team Teacher (1st/2nd)- Ms. Gibson		Anita Gillespie,
3rd - Ms. Mc Hugh		Mary Carty.
4th - Ms. Magee		
5th - Ms. Woods		
6th - Mr. Boyle		

We welcome a new teacher, Josephine O'Donnell, to our school and a new secretary, Marie Harte. I have no doubt that both ladies will be a great addition to our staff and we look forward to getting to know them better over the coming months. Marie is familiarising herself with all the goings on of the school office and is available in the office from 9.30-12.30pm each day. Congratulations to Ms. Mc Groary, our third class teacher, who got married over the summer holidays and will now be known as Ms. Mc Hugh.

This term the school will be closed for the Midterm break from **Mon Oct 28th to Fri 1st Nov inclusive** and will close for the Christmas holidays on **Friday December 20th at 12 noon, reopening on Monday Jan 6th 2020**. The annual parent teacher meetings will take place during the third week of November, but of course if you have any concern that you wish to discuss with your child's class teacher between now and then, please get in touch.

The Department of Education and Skills have informed us that a professional development day for staff on the new Primary Language Curriculum will take place on **Friday December 6th**. Therefore the school will be closed on this day.

This term we look forward to getting Coder Dojo up and running in the school. Coder Dojo consists of volunteer led, free computer programming workshops. Please see overleaf for more details.

Some information on upcoming events and general notices are outlined overleaf. As the term progresses, further information will be posted on our school twitter account @CreevyNS and our website www.creevyns.ie.

On behalf of the BoM, I would like to wish all pupils and families a positive and fun-filled year of learning opportunities.

Le gach dea-ghuí, *Aoibheann Kelly (Principal)*

CoderDojo - A group of parent and teacher volunteers led by parent Jonathon Coyle are in the process of setting up a CoderDojo club in the school over the coming weeks. CoderDojo is a volunteer-led course of free computer programming workshops, where young people learn and practise coding. The sessions will take place on Friday evenings from 7.00-8.30pm over a period of eight weeks and will be offered to pupils in 6th class initially and then to 5th class pupils, if space allows. Spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis. The first session will take place on Friday September 27th. The pupils should bring along a laptop that can access WIFI.

Parents of 6th class pupils will receive a link by text to register online if their child wishes to take part. Each Dojo session builds on the content from the previous week, so it is advisable that your child can attend all the sessions (Sept 27, Oct 4/11/18, Nov 8/15/22/29).

Thank you very much to the volunteers (Jonathan, Helen, Jon, Anthony, Majella and Ms. McHugh) who have given up their time over the summer planning for Dojo and will be giving up more time over the next eight weeks to facilitate the sessions. Jonathon's company Murex is sponsoring the programme, and will provide teaching materials and lesson plans.

Sporting Activities:

- * The Tir Chonaill AC South Donegal Cross County event organised for Tues Sept 10th has had to be postponed. Children from 2nd – 6th will continue to practise Cross Country at the school over the coming weeks when weather permits.
- * Swimming - 4th, 5th and 6th classes will start 8 weeks of swimming lessons from Oct 9th. Again, we will be looking for some volunteers to help with supervision at the pool. Notes will issue shortly. If you are available we would appreciate your assistance. Volunteers must be Garda Vetted.

After school Music - Niamh Currid's after school music classes will recommence on Monday Sept 16th. The Infant class is 2.10 - 2.50 pm and older pupils 3.10-4.00pm. A note will issue shortly

After School Tai-Chi - Róisín Cassidy of Chen Ireland will recommence the after school Tai Chi Club for pupils from 2nd-6th, on Wednesdays in the school hall from 3.15pm-4.15pm, if there are enough interested pupils. A. Kelly will take names this week.

After School Irish Dancing: Clodagh Roper offers Irish Dancing classes after school on Thursdays in the school hall from 3.15–4.00pm.

Health and Safety:

- * Road safety is an ongoing area of concern for the whole school community. The children's safety is of paramount importance to us all and we ask parents to exercise extreme caution as they approach and leave the school. Thank you to all the bus goers who help ease congestion here at the school. If additional pupils wish to access a ticket for any of the three buses that serve the school, they should contact Bus Eireann, Stranorlar or apply online at www.buseireann.ie.
- * We ask drivers to leave a small gap between your car and the wall when you park in front of the school, to allow children and parents to walk safely down along the wall to the school entrance or to their car.
- * We ask that children are not encouraged to cross the road alone and we request that parents/guardians walk their children to the school entrance and pick them up from the entrance also.
- * **Allergy awareness:** There are a number of children with severe nut allergies in the school. We ask parents not to send foods containing nuts in their children's lunch boxes.

Student Council: Nominations and elections for our student council will take place over the coming weeks, for pupils from 3rd-6th class.

Green schools: We will be forming a new green schools committee within the next few weeks. Thank you to Jaedan, the Fern family and Ms. Cahillane, who helped maintain our vegetable garden over the summer months.

Call for toys: Infant classes are looking for a toy kitchen, dolls' house furniture, cars/trucks, dress-up clothes, animal figurines.

PE Days - The following PE days have been allocated. They may be subject to change, which will be advised in the homework journal or by text. **Junior Infants - Tuesday & Thursday, Senior Infants - Monday, 1st - Wednesday, 2nd - Tuesday, 3rd - Wednesday, 4th - Thursday, 5th- Wednesday, 6th - Thursday.**

Campview Farm Visit - 6th class pupils will attend a farm safety workshop on Monday 30th September.

Parenting Course—please see attached poster on local parenting courses.

Walking Group—please see attached poster on local 'Walk and Ponder' group.