

Scoil Mhuire NS

Bornacoola

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Class Allocation 2017/18

While we have eight mainstream classes and four teachers the desired division of classes would be two mainstream classes per teacher. However the fact that we have one class with a well above average pupil number and one class with a well below average pupil number has impacted on this opportunity and has forced the splitting of second class. (*Parents of First Class Pupils see separate Appendix attached*).

As a result the class allocation for next school year will be as follows (numbers are based currently enrolled pupils and those who have enrolled for 2017/18:

Class	Teacher	Mainstream Pupils
Junior (14) Senior (17) Infants	Jillian Walpole	31
First Class(13) Second Class (12)	Orla Walpole	25
Second (10)Third Class(15)	Patricia McGoldrick	25
Fourth(2) Fifth(12) Sixth(13)Class	Declan Bohan	27
Special Education Teaching	Aisling Kilrane	n/a
	Gerry Tiernan(5 hrs per week)	n/a
	Total Pupils	108

Swimming

As First-Third Classes complete their swimming programme for this year on Monday next June 19th, they will be brought to McDonalds on the way home as is customary. They will be required to bring €5 extra on Monday to cover the order cost.

Sports Day

We are planning to run a Sports Day in the Grounds of Bornacoola GAA Club Dromod, on Thursday next June 22. We will bus the pupils from Scoil Mhuire to the pitch for 10.00am approx and plan to remain there for the duration of the activities. We expect that the activities will conclude at 1.00pm approximately and pupils will be bussed back to the school for the normal pick up times. We invite parents and others who are available to attend and witness the fun!

Summer Term

Please note that the school will close for Summer 2017 on Wednesday June 28th at 12 noon and will reopen on for school year 2017/18 on Friday September 1st. *See school Calendar 2017/18 attached.*

School Photographs

The School Photograph proofs have been delivered today and will be distributed tomorrow latest. Please have any orders returned by Wednesday next latest in order that delivery may be received by 28 June.

Christmas Concert DVD

Copies of the Christmas Concert DVD are also available to order. As there were two nights it was not possible to fit all on one DVD. Copies are €10 each but if you have pupils that appear on separate DVDs you may have the two copies for €10 in total.

Book Bills 2017/18

There are Book Bills that remain outstanding. Please have them cleared by June 28.

HSE Memo

We were requested to circulate the attached memo from HSE regarding Measles outbreaks in Europe. Please note contents.

Board of Management

From its most recent meeting of May 29th the following information is relevant:

- Special Education is changing in 2017/18 as Learning Support and Resource Teaching is combined under Special Education Teaching. For Scoil Mhuire the relevant changes translate to the fact that we will have one teacher based full time with SET in the school and also have access to 5 additional SET hours per week. This will combine with Gaelscoil Liatroma in Ck-on-Shannon. In reality this is an increase of 5+ hours per week from the 2016/17 situation but just brings us back on a par with what is required given school enrolment.
- The requirement to split a class in 2017/18 was noted.
- The sterling work of the Parents Association on behalf of the school community was noted and lauded by the BOM.
- BOM agreed to pay for the cost of any transport required on School Sports Day.
- It was noted that a visiting gardener was engaged with help in growing seasonal and suitable plants in the polytunnel.

Yours sincerely

Declan Bohan

Principal