

Family Note No. 12 to Parents – 20th March 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope you are keeping well and enjoying the good weather! The following are a few reminders and notes:

1 - Confirmation Ceremony: A huge 'well done' (*Gaisce déanta*) and congratulations to all involved in our lovely Confirmation last Friday. It was a beautiful occasion. The children were an absolute credit to their families and to us, we were very proud of them. A particular word of gratitude must go to the **PFA** who organised the '*Getogether*' back in the hall for the children and their families. Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed, we are very grateful. Thanks also to the **Parents of our Fifth Class** pupils who provided some of the 'delicacies' and treats for the gathering and some of whom who helped the PFA....you will be rewarded next year when others do the same for you!!

2 - Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Week): This week, in Scoil Barra, we celebrate our Irish language, heritage, and culture. *Déanaimid iarracht mór an Gaeilge a labhairt chomh minic is is féidir linn. (We try to speak Irish even more than usual).* We will have activities such as: '*ceolchoirme*' (concerts), '*Céill*' (Irish group dancing) and '*Tráth na gCeist*' (Quizzes in Irish). This Friday we will host our '**Lá Glas**' (*Green Day*). If your child would like to wear something green - a jumper, hat, hairband etc., they may do so. Please do not go to any expense - a hat or ribbon with school tracksuit or uniform is perfectly fine!

3 - Infants' Uniform 2019-2020: As mentioned in our last Family Note, from next year on, the uniform for Junior and Senior Infants will be the school track suit and polo shirt. The new Junior Infants will only have to buy a track suit. However, for Senior Infants, who already have the uniform as well, it will be a '**Transition' year** where they may wear their uniform as they have it, or, they may stick with track suit only as that has been generally perceived as easier and more comfortable for the younger children. From September 2020 onwards, the uniform will be tracksuit only for both Senior and Junior Infants. We will also speak to our Uniform outlet and ask that they organise to sell the top and bottom of the tracksuit separately, if possible, for those occasions when one part or other needs changing.

4 - Re Electronic School Memos/Notifications: This is a reminder, if you haven't already done so, to email the school as requested on 6th March 2019 in Family Note No. 11. Below are the instructions again. We hope to have all email addresses gathered by this Friday and electronic memos going out by email from next week on. Please remember to notify your child's teacher or Eileen in the office if you do not have an email address and will need notes sent home by hard copy. Please also ensure that **both** parents/guardians notify us of their email addresses with the following procedure if memos are to be sent to separate addresses:

1. Send an email to this address: noreply@scoilbarra.ie
2. The **title of the email** should include the name of your child, their class and name of their class teacher e.g. Title of email: **Anne Malone First Class Ms. O'Shea**
3. The content of the email is irrelevant, it is the title that will be used to create the group email listings. However, you might just confirm who is sending the email on behalf of the pupil as the content.
4. If you have more than one child in the school, you will need to do the same for each child separately.
5. If you do not have an email address and, therefore, would prefer to continue to get hard copies of notes and memos, please inform the school of this in writing with a note to the class teacher including the name of the child, class and class teacher. They will pass that information onto the office.
6. If parents or guardians would like to receive separate emails, please ensure that both parents/guardians carry out the above instructions separately so that both parents/guardians will receive the information from the school regarding their child.
7. We are setting **Friday, March 22nd** as a deadline for this process to be completed by all parents. It is very important that you carry out the above as, after 22nd March, all memos and notifications will go by email and not hard copy, so, if we have not received your email address as instructed above, you will not be getting the memos/notes and will be missing out.

Yours sincerely,

Karen O'Sullivan (Principal)