

# Shountrade Newsletter September 2017



## Welcome Back!

Céad Míle Fáilte to all our September 2017 students!

We know that a wonderful year of learning and friendships lie ahead and that everyone will enjoy being part of SNS Community!

## New Pupils

A céad míle fáilte to our new Junior Infants who have settled in very well & we wish them a wonderful life-long love of learning.

## European Languages

French for 5th & 6th will begin 26/10/17 2:40-3:30. Madame Delphine Dunne who is a wonderful addition to the teaching staff of the school and our students develop confidence in French before they make subject choices in Secondary School.

## New Staff

A warm welcome to our new teacher, Ms. Cantillon (SI/1st). We congratulate Geraldine on becoming a full-time SNA and we also welcome Lynda Kennedy as part-time SNA. We wish them every success in our school.

Our **Literacy Lift Off** will continue again this year. This is an amazing programme that supports emerging readers. We ask parents to fully co-operate with the school by valuing books and literature and by fostering a love of reading.

## Weaving Wellbeing

The Weaving Wellbeing, as part of our SPHE programme, has been introduced to all classes 2nd—6th this year. Teachers have embraced this programme as we see it as one of the most important aspects of education. We encourage parents to actively & positively engage with the homework aspects of this. We all want our children to be confident, positive and resilient and this programme equips pupils 8-12 yrs with a toolkit for life!

## Parents Council

Our sincere thanks to the PC team in charge of the Book Rental Scheme. It appeared to be a smooth & seamless operation!! I'm sure lots of planning and hard work went on behind the scenes during the summer & the parents, pupils & teachers of SNS feel both lucky and grateful for this exceptional service! We encourage you as a parent to become involved in our very active, friendly PC. It is a great way to make new friends and your children love when they are involved in supporting the school this way.

If you are not on the Parents Co. text list, please text name and contact details to 0868283441



**School Diaries** are an important part of your child's home/school life. Please use for communication. The diary **MUST** be signed **every** night after homework is completed.

## Art—Limerick Show

SNS swept the boards at Limerick Show Art Compt. Ben O'Mara, 3rd, won best picture! Leah O'Dwyer was runner-up for best picture! The following students were highly commended: Eoin Doody, Muireann Phelan, Isabella Markham, Charlie Moloney, Aoibhe Dempsey, Amy Bowler.

**CREDIT UNION - THURSDAY'S**

**Maths Week 14/10/17—21/10/17**

**Speech & Drama** Resumes **Tuesday 19/09/2017**

**CHESS** will resume when the football season is over later this term.

**Swimming coming soon for 3rd & 4th Jan 15th, 2018—March 5th, 2018!**

**Choir** every Monday 2:40 - 3:30pm beginning Monday 18/09/17. 3rd - 6th Classes

## Parents Council AGM

**Monday 25/09/17 8pm SNS Halla**

**School Walk**

**Sunday, 15/10/17**

**PC First Coffee Morning**

**Heritage Centre 9:20am Friday 15/09/17**



## Music

Music is on Wednesdays with Mr. Anglim. The pupils continue to make excellent progress in Recorder. We congratulate the pupils of 5th & 6th and 3rd & 4th for being awarded distinctions in Summer Music Exams. Well done to all concerned.

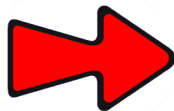
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Tony Dunne, local **GAA Coach**, will once again coach our students on Thursdays. Start date 28/09/17  
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**After School Training** after school : **Wed - Boys & Girls - 2:40 - 3:30pm**

**Spikeball** will commence after mid-term

**TRACKSUIT DAY: THUR & FRI**  
(EVERYBODY WEARS TRACKSUITS)

## Important Notice



**ALL VISITORS & PARENTS VISITING  
SCHOOL PLEASE REPORT TO OFFICE  
FIRST**

After School Service - Infants

In order to eliminate 2 collections for some parents, children in JI & SI who have older siblings will now be supervised from 1:40—2:40pm.

If you are waiting to collect older students, please ensure that younger children are not in the school yard or field as this disturbs teaching and learning of other students in the school.

## School Uniform

It is school policy that all pupils wear their uniform or full tracksuit, including white polo shirt on appointed days. Parents are urged to insist that their child/children comply with these regulations. **TRACK SUIT DAY - THUR & FRI**

*Please, please* check that your child's clothing, including jumpers, cardigans, coats and items of sports gear are clearly marked with child's name. No responsibility will be taken by the school for unmarked items of clothing that are misplaced.

**Please remember to label all uniforms with child's name.**

## Reminder : School Hours

Shountrade National School opens to receive pupils at 8:50am. No responsibility will be taken for pupils who enter school premises prior to this time each morning.

Classes begin at 9:00am. Classes end for infants at 1:40pm and for all other classes at 2:40pm. Pupils should be collected promptly at the official school closing time. No responsibility is taken by the school authorities for pupils who remain on school premises awaiting collection for whatever reason.

Only those pupils who take part in after school activities, i.e. Speech & Drama, sport, can remain on school premises. Siblings must go home at the normal time.

**Please be aware of the collection times for these activities also.**

## Child Protection & Welfare Guidelines

We remind parents also that Shountrade N.S. Board of Management has adopted the **Department of Educating and Science Guidelines** in relation to Child Protection & Welfare. These guidelines promote the welfare of all children. Consequently, if there is a matter of concern in relation to abuse of children, we are obliged to report this to the local Health Board. They will assess the case and provide the necessary support for the child concerned. *The teachers of Shountrade NS will be implementing the 'Stay Safe' programme during the year.*

## School/Home Communication

We welcome all parents who wish to discuss their children's progress. Please ring the school secretary, Mary, to make an appointment. We encourage use of the school diary for minor communications, including absences. We remind parents that the Education Welfare Act requires that if your child/children are absent from school you must notify the school in writing of the reason for absence when they return to school. All absences exceeding 20 school days in one year must be notified to the Education Welfare Board by the Principal.

### Healthy Eating Policy!!

Children are encouraged to bring a healthy lunch, i.e. sandwich, cheese, fruit, yogurt, milk, fruit juice or water. Nutritious foods are encouraged. Junk food is discouraged. Chewing gum is NOT allowed. In the interests of safety, glass bottles are forbidden. **Treat day is Friday!**

### **Allergy Information**

Three pupils have a serious nut and egg allergy. **NO NUT or EGG** products are allowed in this classroom. We urge all parents to co-operate. In view of this allergy, we advise parents NOT to distribute birthday treats at



**Please Note**  
**Children are NOT allowed on school property, i.e. grounds and fields, outside of school hours.**

