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## September 2022

**Welcome** - We are delighted to welcome back all members of our school community as we embark on a new academic year. We hope that you all had a lovely summer break and that you had time to relax with family and friends.

It's so good to see all our returning pupils back in our classrooms, but we must especially welcome our new incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> class pupils, as well as a number of new pupils across all classes.

We send every good wish to our recent outgoing 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils as they embark on their journey into secondary school.

**ASD Class Base**- Finally! Our brand- new purpose-built classroom for pupils with an Autism Spectrum diagnosis is finished and opens for business this week. This is an important step for our school in promoting and developing our spirit of inclusivity. Thanks are due to McLoughlin Architects and Nolan Construction for helping us to bring the project to fruition. Huge thanks most particularly to our wonderful caretaker Gerry Cafferkey who not only kept a watchful eye on proceedings over the summer but who was also involved in some of the project directly.

**Bike Shelter** – We are pleased to have Green Schools cycle parking installed in our school over the summer. We look forward to our pupils cycling to school and making use of our recently installed Bike rack in the back courtyard area. For safety's sake, all cyclists should dismount at the school gate and walk bikes/scooters through the yard. We do have a lot of small people crossing the yard in the mornings and after school. Please remember, bikes are left at owner's own risk.

**Yard Improvements** – Our back yard was brightened up recently when we got the opportunity to add additional yard markings and games and a running lane for outdoor activities.

**Communication** –Email addresses for each teacher are on our website [www.scoilsancarlo.ie](http://www.scoilsancarlo.ie) in the section Our School and Contact Details or through the office at [office@scoilsancarlo.ie](mailto:office@scoilsancarlo.ie)

Please understand that it is very difficult for class teachers to speak with parents at the morning reception time, so if you need to speak with a teacher, home time is a better time to do so or alternatively, please phone the school on 01-6245002 for urgent messages you may need to pass on.

Could we remind parents to let us know via the class teacher or the office if any contact details change during the school year. This is very important in case of an emergency or some unforeseen circumstance occurring.

**Clothing/Lost Property** – Please take a few minutes to put your **child's name** on all items of clothing they may wear to school. Every week, we have unidentified jumpers etc. or pupils looking for missing tracksuit tops that they cannot be reunited with. At the moment we have some lovely coats and jackets in our Lost Property Box which don't seem to belong to any child.

**Healthy Eating Policy Reminder**- In the recent June review of the school's Healthy Eating Policy, it was decided to remove the 'Friday Treat', mainly due to the misinterpretation of the term. Healthy lunches are expected (and already very evident!!) from Monday to Friday inclusive.

**Swimming**- Lessons will commence for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes next week and run for 6 weeks at the National Aquatic Centre.

**GAA** – Coaching with Conor Gordon, Games Promotion Officer, will start for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes this Friday, also running for 6 weeks. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes will get the opportunity to take part at a later stage this term.

**School Garden**- Our gratitude goes to the members of the Confey Mens' Shed who provided several deliveries of topsoil to our school garden.

Grateful thanks also to the members of the Parents Association who continue to give their time during the school year to keep the school garden under control.

**Parents' Association**-Thank you again to the P.A. who held several uniform sales recently. They are always in need of new members to help out now and then during the school year. Volunteers are always welcome. Please contact [sancarlopa@gmail.com](mailto:sancarlopa@gmail.com) or contact the school office.

**School Calendar**- The 2022/2023 school calendar is available to view or download on the school website; [www.scoilsancarlo.ie](http://www.scoilsancarlo.ie).

**Cleaner**- From the end of September, we will need a school cleaner on a long-term temporary basis. It would be for 3 hours a day, Monday to Friday after 3pm and during term-time only. If you are interested, or know anyone who might be, please contact the office by phone on 01-6245002 or by email at [office@scoilsancarlo.ie](mailto:office@scoilsancarlo.ie). Many thanks!