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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the summer break! We have enjoyed a very busy first week settling into our new classes here in St. Andrew's N.S. We have lots of exciting news as well as a fun-filled term ahead.

#### **New Students**

We welcome our new Junior Infants; Adam, Ben, Dariu, Ellen, Lily, Maisie, Patrick & Pharanyoo. We also welcome Jacob, Richard, Hayley, Evan and Johnny who have joined other classes this year. We hope they will be very happy in our school.

#### **New Teacher**

We welcome back Ms Claire O'Farrell to our teaching staff. She will teach 3<sup>rd</sup> class this year. We also welcome back Ms Shauna Kinsella from maternity leave.

#### **Homework Club & Club Français**

Homework Club and Club Français will start back the week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of September. Forms for both were sent home this week.

#### **Drama**

In-school drama lessons with Suzanne Carey will start on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of September for 8 weeks. The Parents' Association and Board of Management will pay for the cost of this activity.  
**Suzanne will be in touch about after school Drama classes.**

#### **Bodhrán**

Aimee Farrell-Courtney will start bodhrán lessons with all classes on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of September for 7 weeks. The cost to parents is €8 per pupil and payment can be made online via Aladdin.

### **Zumba**

As part of the Dance strand in our P.E. curriculum, Marta Mozdzyńska will teach Zumba for 6 weeks starting in November. The cost to parents is €8 per pupil and payment can be made online via Aladdin. A link will be sent after mid-term break.

### **Tennis4Kids**

After school tennis lessons will start back on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of September. If you are interested in signing up your child go to <https://www.tennis4kids.ie/book-an-afterschool/>

### **Morning Training**

Morning training will start back the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> of September.

3 <sup>rd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> Class Cross Country With Ms. Ronan	Tuesdays @8.30am
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> Class Football With Ms Kinsella & Ms O'Connor	Thursdays @8.30am

### **School Tracksuit**

All classes will wear tracksuits on Tuesdays and Thursdays until mid-term break.

### **Cumann na mBunscol**

The boys' and girls' Cumann na mBunscol football leagues commence next week. Details of each match will be sent out weekly with the children, including requests for help with transporting the teams. We are very grateful to all of the parents who helped in this regard last year.

### **Brother Cross Country**

The Brother Cross Country event will take place for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class on October 1<sup>st</sup> in Trinity Sports Grounds, Santry. Further details will follow when teams are finalised.

### **Maths Week 2025**

Maths Week will take place from 11<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of October. We will have a whole school Maths Escape Room activity as well as lots of other fun activities.

### **Science Week 2025**

Science Week will take place from 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of November. We look forward to lots of science activities including a visit from UCD Genetics Professors and our popular whole school Super Science Quiz.

### **Bí Cineálta**

We have introduced our new Bí Cineálta policy this term. This replaces our Anti-Bullying Policy. It is available to read on our school website. [www.standrewscurragha.com](http://www.standrewscurragha.com).

We will elect a Student Council this term who will play an important part in the implementation of this policy.

### **Green Flag**

We will elect our new Green Schools Committee this term to begin work on our fourth Green Flag on the theme of Energy. We have already started the journey by getting solar panels installed and our walls pumped with insulation. We look forward to sharing lots of ideas on how to save energy at home and at school.

### **Active Flag**

A new Active School's Committee will be elected this term as we continue to work on our Active Flag renewal.

### **Amber Flag**

We will continue to work on the Amber Flag initiative and towards renewing our Amber Flag next year. The Amber Flag initiative recognises the efforts of our school to create a healthy, inclusive environment that supports mental well-being.

### **Blue Flag**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> class will work on the Blue Flag Programme this year. They will examine and study elements from the historical, geographical, cultural and institutional aspects of the European Union.

### **Parent-Teacher Meetings**

Parent teacher meetings will take place during the last two weeks in November. You will be sent an assigned time by your child's class teacher after Halloween. If alternative times are requested, we will do our best to facilitate you.

### **Hot School Meals Scheme**

Carambola will continue to supply hot lunches to our students every day.

<https://www.carambola.ie/>

### **Parents' Association**

Our Parents' Association will hold their first meeting of the year in the school hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of September at 8pm. Our PA is an invaluable asset to our school so we need parents to get involved and to help out. We look forward to a busy year of fundraising and organising our annual school events. Thank you to our outgoing Chairperson Aoife Egan for all her hard work on the PA over the years.

### **Cycle & Climb Coffee Morning**

We were delighted to host a coffee morning on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of September for the Cycle and Climb

fundraiser. We raised €300. The cyclists were delighted with the children's artwork and their enthusiastic send off. Thank you all who came to support.

**Beginning of School Year Mass**

We will have our Mass for the beginning of our school year on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of September at 9.30am. All welcome.

**Emerald Park**

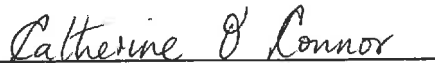
As we continue with our focus on Wellbeing in school and the Amber Flag initiative, we will hold our team building and Wellbeing Day in Emerald Park on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of September. Details will be sent closer to the time.

**Presidential Election**

The Presidential Election will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of October. Our school hall is a polling station so the school will close on that day.

Please check our school website <https://www.standrewscurragha.com/> for regular school updates. A monthly newsletter will be sent home in hard copy, by email and posted on our website.

Mise le Meas,

  
Catherine O'Connor