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A Thuismitheoirí agus a pháistí,  
Welcome back after the summer holidays.  
We hope that you all had a great rest,  
enjoyed the good weather and are ready for  
the school year ahead. Please take some time  
to read our first newsletter of the new  
school year.

### Welcome

Firstly I would like to welcome the new  
Infants joining us this year and we wish them  
every happiness and success during their time  
with us in Cappataggle NS.

### School Photographer

Mr Séan Collins, County Photos, will attend  
the school on Wednesday next 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
at 9am for the annual photo shoot. All  
children will be photographed unless the  
school is advised otherwise. There is no  
compulsion to buy. Please ensure children are  
in full uniform.

### Monster Raffle Update/Parent's Association

We would like to thank most sincerely all the  
people in the Parish who supported our recent  
fundraiser. It was a great success thanks to  
the commitment and hard work of everyone  
involved and over €5,000 was raised for much  
needed school funds. This will go towards  
the purchase of laptops in the coming weeks.  
The quotes have been gathered throughout  
the summer and are being considered and we  
hope to have purchased 10 new laptops along  
with a LapCabby storage unit within the next  
2-3 weeks. Thanks also to everyone who came  
along to our Cake Sale and Coffee morning on  
the 27th June. It was a lovely social occasion  
and a great way to start the summer holidays.

### School Insurance

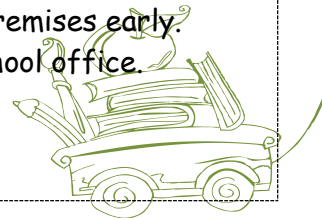
As Ireland's leading schools insurer Allianz  
offers a Pupil Personal Accident Policy tailor  
made for pupils and their Parents/Guardians.  
We strongly advise again this year that you  
avail of the 24hr cover (365 days a year for  
school activities, social, domestic and leisure  
activities, including school holidays) at a cost  
of €9 per child for the year. Separate note  
to follow.

### Swimming for Senior Classes

As Aquatics is part of our PE programme  
swimming will be offered to children in the  
senior classes 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a lifelong skill  
which if mastered at an early age will benefit  
children greatly. Swimming will resume on  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September in the Kingfisher  
Club, Ballinasloe and run for 7 weeks until  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. A note will follow for  
children in the senior classes.

### School Secretary

As you are aware our School Secretary Sheila  
had to leave us in June. Unfortunately we  
were no longer in the position to finance this  
part time position. However we are in the  
process of trying to source another  
Secretary through the JobBridge scheme.  
Please be advised the office will be  
unattended in the short term until this  
position has been filled. We appreciate your  
patience during this time. In the event you  
need to contact the school please leave a  
message on the school phone and your call will  
be returned after school at 2.30pm. We  
encourage you to use your child's homework  
journal to correspond with class teachers.  
We will also operate a sign out book system  
for any children leaving the premises early.  
This will be located at the school office.



## Class Allocation 2012/2013

Classes for the school year will be allocated as follows:

Junior & Senior Infants - Ms Fiona Egan

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Class - Mrs Lorraine Burke

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class - Ms Edel Mannion

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class - Mrs Orla Gilmartin

Learning Support - Mrs Claire O' Brien

Resource - Mrs Carmel Coen

Resource - Ms Susan Neylon

## School Uniform

As advised in previous correspondence the results of our school uniform parent questionnaire were considered by the staff and the Board of Management. A total of 53 families responded, 51 in favour of having a school uniform in Cappataggle N.S. while 2 respondents were not in favour. While the school has had a uniform for many years, there has been a relaxed attitude to wearing it. It was decided in agreement by parents, staff and the Board of Management that it is now compulsory to wear a **full** uniform (detailed below) and this will be enforced as part of the school rules and code of behaviour in the coming school year.

## Uniform

*Each child is required to wear the standard school uniform. This comprises of a light blue polo shirt, **royal blue V-neck** jumper and grey trousers. Girls may also wear a grey pinafore or grey skirt with grey tights or socks. Please note round neck blue jumpers are no longer permitted. We do not have a school tracksuit at present; however pupils may wear **plain grey** tracksuit pants (no stripes or branding) on specified PE days. In the absence of plain grey tracksuit pants pupils are advised to wear uniform pants. Pupils will wear the light blue polo shirt and royal blue V neck jumper every day to school.*

We appreciate your support and co-operation in this matter. If you have any queries regarding uniform please contact the school office.



## Official Opening/Closing Times

I would like to remind you that the official school opening time is 8.50am. Please be advised that parents are accountable for children before this time as children are not supervised or covered by insurance. School closing times are 1.30pm for Infants and 2.30pm for all other classes. Your co-operation in this matter is very much appreciated. (Infants will go home at the earlier time of 11.50am for the first two weeks, until Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September, when they will remain until 1.30pm)

## National Education Welfare Board

Schools are obliged by law to report on school attendance since the inception of the Education (Welfare) Act 2000. The school must tell the National Educational Welfare Board (NEWB), if your child has missed 20 days or more in the school year. This obligation exists to protect children's educational welfare. Under the Education (Welfare) Act, 2000 parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring that their children attend school. If your child cannot be in school please provide the class teacher with a note to explain your child's absence. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## Dates for your diary...

- ✚ Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - County Photos 9am
- ✚ Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September - Senior Swimming Lessons resume
- ✚ Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Mid Term Break.

