Robertstown National School

Welcome

All the staff are delighted to welcome all the children back to school. We want to say a big welcome to our new Junior Infants. We hope you all had a lovely summer and are ready for the new and exciting busy year ahead.

Safety

Please Note

All children must enter through the side gate. The gate will be open at 8:50am every morning. The school is not responsible for children dropped off on school grounds before this time.

Parking

We would encourage parents/guardians to obey the markings and leave an adequate pathway for safe passage of children. At no time should cars be parked on double lines or on the opposite side of the road. We thank you for your co-operation.

Bicycles

No cycling is allowed on school grounds at any time. Bicycles must be parked in the bicycle area. We hope to have bicycle stands soon. Children must walk with their bicycle from front gate to bicycle area and vice versa.

Uniform/Tracksuit

For information on uniforms or tracksuits please contact Kidstuff, Georges Street, Newbridge on (045) 486445.

The school uniform with black runners or shoes must be worn at all times. In exceptional circumstances where a child’s uniform is not available the school tracksuit must be worn. No t-shirts or football jerseys etc, with logos are ever allowed. The school crested tracksuit and t-shirt is only to be worn during P.E. days and when playing football, basketball or on occasions designated by principal/teacher. Please label all items!!!

Due to the fact that the numbers in the school are growing Mona the secretary is increasingly busy at all times. Mona does not have the time to run down to classes with messages and lunches except in extreme circumstances. If you wish to meet with a teacher please make an appointment, as teachers cannot take time from their classes if someone turns up unannounced at their door. Valuable teaching time can be lost this way.

Calendar / Useful Information

Please note that school closings and staff meetings are clearly marked on your school calendar. Other useful information may be found in your child’s homework diary. Information Pack may be viewed or downloaded at [www.robertstownns.ie](http://www.robertstownns.ie) Please note, unless otherwise advised, that the school will close at 1:30pm to facilitate staff meetings.

Update Contact Numbers

Please ensure that your mobile numbers with network provider and email addresses are updated. If you have moved house in the last few years, drop into Mona in office with details.

Book Rental

We are introducing a school book rental scheme for certain books. We ask you to encourage your children not to write on their books and keep them in good condition, so that they can be sold on in the summer.

Shop

We now have a shop in the school that supplies Homework Journals, pencils, erasers and writing pens etc. Just call into the office if you

Swimming

The first set of lessons for swimming commenced on Friday, 3rd September 2010 for 8 sessions in all. The second set of lessons commences on Friday, 5th November for 7 sessions for the remaining children in 2nd class and all of 3rd and 4th. The swimming fee of €8 must be paid each Wednesday to ensure any spare places can be allocated to other children.

Funds

Due to the severe lack of Government Funding at this time, particularly in the area of Special Needs, we would really appreciate if people could donate any toys, for example jigsaws, construction blocks, educational games etc. Many thanks for your support.

Insurance

The Board of Management have made school insurance compulsory. The cost of insurance for this year is €8 per child. Forms will be sent home shortly.

Applications For September 2011

We are now taking applications for the school year 2011 – 2012. The closing date is Friday, 15th October 2010. Please let anyone you may know that has a child to enrol.

Healthy Lunches

Please note that children will only be allowed to drink water between breaks.