5th September, 2013

Dear Parents,

We welcome everybody back from their Summer Holidays. We extend a special welcome to our new pupils in 1st class. We hope that all the children in our care will be happy and that they will grow in knowledge and understanding during the year ahead.

If any of your child/children’s details have changed e.g. address, contact details, illness etc. please contact the school as soon as possible.

Please remember that schools are now legally bound to notify the National Education Welfare Board if pupils are absent from school in excess of twenty days. Please note we require a written note on each occasion your child is absent explain the reason for absence.

School begins at 9.10a.m. and ends at 2.50p.m. The school authority will not be responsible for children on the school grounds outside of these hours. If your child has to be absent from school or leave school for part of the day, please send in a note informing the class teacher of his absence.

If you need to meet a teacher at any time, please make an appointment by ringing the school before hand.

As part of Learning for Life children should be encouraged to develop the habit of saving. Mrs O’Connor has teamed up with the Credit Union to promote this activity. Children from 2nd class up can purchase saving stamps in the school, put them on a card and when full will realise €20.00. They take this to the Credit Union and exchange it for cash or add it to their savings. We thank Mrs O’Connor for her work in this. She hopes to begin this scheme in October.

The collections of new and used clothing organised by the Green Schools Committee during the past school year were a huge success. We thank everybody for this support. The committee has scheduled another collection for Friday November 22nd. We encourage you to start collecting now. Further details nearer the time.

The annual fee for photocopying is €20 and Book Rental is €30 for 3rd to 6th Class.

1st/2nd Class Photocopying €15.00. Book Rental €20. Report Book €6 for 1st class only.

If you have not sent in this money could you do so as soon as possible, thank you.

Jackie Bolster resumes music classes for 3rd/4th/5th & 6th classes very shortly. The Parent’s Association have kindly offered to subsidise the cost, thus the cost for the term is €10 per child. To facilitate classroom management we would appreciate if you could pay this amount in one instalment.

Please find attached the Code of Behaviour and Correct Measures for our school prepared by the B.O.M. and approved of by the staff of the school. The school looks forward to your support in the implementation of the Policy.

Any pupil who wishes to avail of the Personal Accident Insurance should return the completed forms together with payment as specified on the form as soon as possible or before the end of September. People are free to avail of it if they wish. Details plus application forms attached.

Please find attached a brochure for Setanta Book Clubs. There are great bargains out there at the moment. If you are interested in purchasing books you may do so by filling in the order form and returning it and the correct money to the school by Friday September 13th. If paying by cheque please make it payable to the school. Please note purchase of books is completely optional.

Enclosed is a letter written by Anthony Sugrue, Inspector Superintendent appealing for your help in addressing road safety issues. We look forward to your cooperation in implementing same.

In the interest of safety remind your child not to approach or talk to strangers on the way to and from school and have a designated pick up point after school.

Our Parents’ Association will be holding their A.G.M. very shortly. Everybody welcome. More details to follow nearer the time.

Enclosed please find a list of the School Holiday Schedule for the year. If during the school year there are any changes to school closure dates we will let you know.

As you know our Cork Senior Hurling team are playing the All Ireland Hurling Final this Sunday against Clare. To honour our two local lads Anthony Nash and Lorcán McLoughlin on the team, we are asking the children to wear a Cork jersey or something red on Friday. We will also be hosting hurling challenges for the boys during school. We wish the team the best of luck on the day.

We encourage you to log on to the school website and see what is happening in the school. The address is [www.stcolmansbnskanturk.com](http://www.stcolmansbnskanturk.com)

Don’t’ forget you can follow us on twitter @colmansbns

We hope that everyone will have a pleasant and memorable school year.

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Eilish Finnegan,

Principal.