

S N Thír Mocháin

Tiermohan School News

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We are delighted to welcome you all back for the new school year 2024/2025. We are looking forward to a new school year, following the high note of the school opening last year.

The final touches of the school extension were completed by the chairman of the Board, Denis Mc Glynn. He re-landscaped the portion of the senior pitch that had been damaged during the building work. Thank you Denis!

Thank you also to the families who watered the flowers in the "boots" display in the front of the school during the summer.

The loan from the Parish for the junior pitch has been fully paid off, thanks to years of fundraising efforts and donations from Parents' Council, parents and Board of Management and staff members. We are now entering a new phase of development, with plans for an Astro pitch in this area. More details will follow in due course.

The final item of news is that Bradbury's, our chosen hot food provider, have told us that they will begin their service on Monday 7th October. More details will follow.



The swimming lessons are going very well, with classes 3^d to 6th going to Naas pool each Monday. The U11 boys are taking part in the football and hurling leagues this term.

Communications

Our school pupil management and communication providers, Databiz, are updating various aspects of their communication portal. We have already requested that parents/guardians download the Eolas app for their phones/devices. This has enabled parents to receive end of year reports and explain reasons for their child/ren's absence.

We will shortly roll out more functions in the app, including messaging to and from school and scheduler for PT meetings.

In the interim, please continue to send messages to Margaret at

office@tiermohanns.ie

Please inform us if your child has any recently diagnosed allergies.

If there is any changes to the people collecting your child(ren) please let Margaret know by email: office@tiermohanns.ie

Please remind children to enter and exit the school via the green gates which lead directly to the foot-path.

Fáilte!

We welcome our new entrants, including the new Junior Infants: Charlie, Dervla, Mila, Azra, Tom, Cara and also Tom, Sam and Kai.

Welcome to the elected members of the Parents' Council for this coming year:

Genevieve Coonan
Kerry Earl
Siv Moltu-Jacobson
Lorraine Hyland
Marie Therese Lynch
Jayne Ross
Fionnuala McKeown
Joanne Brennan

The full school calendar is on our website:

<http://www.tiermohanns.ie>



However, a Department of Education and Skills circular states that in the event of unforeseen closures, we may need to open on days we had originally planned to close. These include days in February and around Easter. We encourage parents/guardians not to make holiday plans for these days in particular, in case we need to remain open.

Dates for Sacraments: Confirmation 22nd March, at 12 noon

Communion: May 18th at 10am



We continue with **healthy eating** habits in all classes. Please do not send nuts or nut-based foods (eg, Nutella) in school lunches. No yogurts or yogurt drinks for infants. No popcorn, crisps, cakes or fizzy drinks for any children. Remember to include an extra piece of fruit/veg for a healthy snack at 10am. Please update us if your child has any new health issues relevant to school.



May we gently remind parents that the school must send a report to the National Education and Welfare Board regarding absences. We are obliged to send a list of the children who are absent for more than twenty days in the school year to the NEWB. We trust you understand our obligations in this matter.

All reasons for absences must be submitted to Margaret in the Office using the Eolas app.

The Board of Management insurers ask us each year to remind you that we are not responsible for children on the school grounds before school opening time- 9:00am, and after school closing time- 1:40pm for infants and 2:40pm for all other classes.

Reminders:

Please remember that shorts may be worn during **warm** weather. These should be **dark grey** or **navy** knee-length shorts. Please also remember that watches or fitbits should not be worn by children in school. Stud earrings may be worn, one in each ear-lobe.