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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our pupils after their summer break. I hope that you are all settling back into the school routine and are looking forward to the year ahead. Below is some information for you as we commence another school year. It is rather lengthy so perhaps grab a coffee and sit back!!!

Welcome; We extend a warm welcome to our new Junior Infants, **Abbie Mae, Ada, Casey, Caysen, Edie, Evan, Grayson, Luella, Luke, Rian and Ríonnach**. Also, welcome to **Jack** who joins First Class, **Theo** who joins Second Class and **Laura** who joins our Third Class. Welcome to our new Preschoolers who are settling in very well. We hope your time with us will be full of happiness, fun and lifetime memories.

Music; We are delighted to welcome back Peggy, our music teacher who will teach tin-whistle to all pupils in First to Sixth class. Pupils in these classes require a Tin Whistle, Scale D. Pupils in Second to Sixth should have a tin whistle from last year. Peggy will commence lessons on Friday, 25th of September and every Friday thereafter until Christmas. After this, pupils will continue to practice with their class teacher and Peggy will return for a further 6 weeks around Easter time. This year also, we are delighted to announce that we have once again paired with the Music Generation Programme. Music Teacher, Sorchá O Connor will complete a Choral Programme with all classes every Monday throughout the year. She will also continue with our hugely popular School Choral Group. **Both the Music Generation Programme and Peggy's Tin Whistle classes are largely subsidised by our fundraiser.**

Daniel O Sullivan Fitness; I am delighted to announce that Daniel will once again return to the school on Tuesday 29th of September and every second Tuesday thereafter during this school year to deliver a programme based around personal fitness, breathwork, well-being and healthy eating. **This programme will be funded entirely by the proceeds of our successful school fundraiser.**

Summer Works and Building Works. Over the Summer, we completed our soft play area along with an amazing new tree house. The surface also includes colourful and child friendly patterns. The mud kitchen area also received a makeover with old material cleared out and replaced with a beautiful playground bark mulch surface. All are beautiful additions to our Tír na nÓg playground area. The children are really enjoying their new additions, and it is wonderful to witness the beauty of natural play and fun on a daily basis. Feel free to pop in and view the new improvements. **All the improvements were funded entirely by our fundraiser.**

Thanks to Julie, our cleaner/caretaker, who completed painting internally and externally and who also gave the school a deep clean. The school is looking magnificent thanks to Julie's efforts throughout the summer.

School Fundraiser; Congratulations to all our weekly winners. Our current jackpot stands at €1350. As you know from my regular communications, **the fundraiser is vital to us in terms of contributing to continually enhance our facilities and provide exceptional and additional educational experiences for our pupils.** For example, the provision of a soft play area and new tree house would not be remotely possible only for the fundraiser. Over the summer, as is understandable, participants of the fundraiser may have cancelled, or their card may have simply expired. **We would love to see our participants return and grow the fundraiser even further. Last year we produced a super video of where and how the fundraiser funds are spent. This video is still available on our website and on our Facebook page. The video coincided with our 'Each One, Reach One' campaign where we encouraged each household to encourage one other participant to join our fundraiser.** And as promised, the funds raised were spent over the summer to bring much fun and laughter to the pupils during their play time. Thank you to all those who joined and please continue to support and spread the word to as many people as possible. Your support is greatly appreciated. To join and support please visit; <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/coolickns>

Many thanks also to the hard-working Fundraiser Committee of **Pádraig Leane, Shane O Callaghan and John Herlihy.** Their work is sincerely appreciated.

Uniform; Well done to all pupils and parents for their continued support in implementing our uniform policy. As you know we are a tracksuit only school on every day. Shorts can be worn for the month of September but must be the same material and colour as the school tracksuit. Pupils in Sixth Class received their new Coolick NS hoodies last week and have been wearing them with pride throughout the week. Please ensure that your child's name is on all parts of their uniform as we are often left with an amount of clothing items unclaimed.

Parents Association; Many thanks to our Parents Association for their ongoing support to the school. As always if you would like to help out in any school activities conducted by the Parents Association, please contact them at parentsassociation@coolickns.com. **I would also like to thank the O Gorman Family for their maintenance of our astro-turf over the summer.**

Change in contact details & new pupil information for teachers: Please contact the office if there is any change to your **home address, email or phone contact details** over the summer break. We will continue to use Aladdin to send information and updates during the year. Also, should any concerns or issues e.g. medical, allergies, etc. have arisen during the summer and you feel it would benefit the school being informed of such, please do not hesitate to make contact with your child's teacher to update them regarding this as soon as possible.

Road Skirting and Trimming: I would also like to acknowledge the work of **Helen Moynihan and all at the Rural Development office** for their continued support in maintaining the road verging around the school with regular strimming and hedge cutting.

Also, thanks to Cllr Marie Moloney who assures me that the ditches on the approach roads to the school will be trimmed back allowing for safer accessibility for all the community.

School Closures; Please see the school calendar attached which includes some additional closures during the year to facilitate staff in-service. I will also send a hard copy of the calendar home with the eldest in each family on Monday next. Ideal addition to the fridge door!!

Term 1, 2026; Also, please see a list of dates and events (subject to change and additions) attached. Again, I will send a hardcopy home on Monday next. **Please note; the school will close at 1.30pm on Tuesday, 22nd of September**, for all pupils, to facilitate a staff meeting

Support Teaching; As you are aware Support Teaching is an integral part of our school. **Support Teaching in schools can take on many different forms whereby pupils' needs are supported through a variety of approaches and methodologies e.g., Team Teaching, group work and one to one teaching and learning. It may last for a short-sustained period of time or in some cases it may be for longer.** All staff involved diligently assess, plan and prepare work appropriate to the needs of the child, group or class. Throughout the school year, **all** pupils may be involved in such approaches thus promoting inclusion and integration of all pupils and their diverse needs in our school.

Communication with Teachers; As always, we pride ourselves on regular communication between staff and parents. As per last year, you can send messages to the office or your child's teachers using the Aladdin App. **On your app dashboard, click on Noticeboard and use the 'Contact School' icon to leave a message for the teacher or office. Messages can be sent at any time but in accordance with the EU Working Time Directive, messages will only be visible to the teachers/office from 8.15am to 3.30pm each school day.** The teachers email addresses previously used for communication are now obsolete and any emails sent to these addresses will not arrive to the teacher. It is important to only use the Aladdin App when contacting teachers in order for teachers to provide a timely response. The app can be used for short messages, updating attendance etc.

The school email address **coolickns@gmail.com** is still available and in use.

Absences; We are obliged to record all absences and reasons for same. You can record your child's absences and the reason on your Aladdin App. Please note that under the Education Act 2000, all schools are also legally obliged to report any absences totalling more than 20 days in one school year regardless of the reason, to Tusla. More information can be found at <https://www.tusla.ie/tess/tess-ews/reporting-absenteeism/>

Website; Please continue to peruse our website www.coolickns.com and our Facebook page Coolick NS & Preschool for regular updates.

Finally; As our motto says, **'Ní Neart go cur le Chéile; There is no strength without unity.** We look forward to working with you throughout this school year and hope that it is a happy, fun and productive year for your child(ren).

Kind regards,
G O Sullivan
Principal.