



YEAR ONE NEWS

Dear Parent,

We hope that you found the mid-year interviews useful and that you came away with a good idea of how your child is progressing and also how best to direct your support at home. We place a high value on how involved all our parents are in the education of the children here at Kilmaine. Thank you so much for taking the time to meet us.

Literacy

I'm sure that you are as delighted as we are about the progress our children are making in reading and writing.

Please remember to;

- continue with our High Frequency words & 'sounding' practice
- check that letter formation is correct
- fill in Reading Record every night
- send all books, book markers etc. in promptly
- continue discussion work relating to reading book pictures **before** reading the text
- draw attention to the sounds of the letters in any unfamiliar words
- ask some comprehension questions **after** reading to ensure understanding.

Maths

We will continue counting forwards and backwards within 10, with different starting points. We will be developing our understanding of the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We are also working on recognising and naming the shapes; square, circle, triangle, rectangle, cube, cylinder and sphere. You might like to help them with this at home.

Topic/Events

We are aware that some children are more forthcoming about what happens in school than others. So, just to keep you up to date, our next play topic is 'Life in the Castle'. The children will enjoy dressing up as kings, queens, princes, princesses, knights and guards. We will be reading the big book 'The Royal Dinner', a story about a royal family who enjoy pizza and we will be having pizza for snack! The children will enjoy learning about some musical instruments and the sounds they make when we talk about 'Music in the Castle'. If you play an instrument and would be willing to let the children hear, please speak to your child's teacher.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March. Our children will participate in special book-themed activities on this day. Some details already circulated, and more to follow (no dressing-up required!)

Absence from School

If your child has been ill and was unable to attend school, please provide a note of explanation when they return. This is a **compulsory requirement** to maintain school records. It would be helpful if you could do this as a matter of course, rather than the teacher or classroom assistant having to ask for one.



Courtyard

Please support us by making sure your children stand with their adult when waiting for the bell to ring in the morning. This is for the safety of the children - a lot of our toys are very slippery when damp in the morning - we always dry them off before the first class goes out to play.

Dinners

Could we remind you to send in your dinner slip every Monday even if your child is having packed lunches all week.

Voluntary Donation Money

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have contributed to this fund - it is a most useful resource for your children. We have used it to provide experiences such as hot chocolate, Chinese food tasting, and super science snow. We have also used it to refresh some of our reading books. We look forward to many more such opportunities.

And Finally...

Thanks to all of you who have sent in a box of tissues - these have helped see us through the winter of sniffles and colds! If you haven't sent in a box and would still like to it's not too late.

Thanks also for all your junk art contributions - this is an activity that the children just love and we couldn't let them do it without the materials, so please keep sending in your boxes, tubes and cartons!

Thank you for your continuing support,

Mrs. Canmore, Mrs. Coates, Mrs McPeake

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