

**Macartan's Monthly**  
St. Macartan's School Newsletter  
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**Welcome!**

Welcome to all the new children in Junior Infants and those who have joined us in other classes. Welcome back everyone else.

**School Hours**

Please remember our school day is from 9.10am to 1.50pm (Jun/Sen Infants) or 2.50pm (Others). Supervision only takes place between these times.

**Allergies/Healthy eating**

Due to food allergies, no food may be distributed in classes- including birthday cakes. We cannot make any exceptions! This is also part of our Healthy Eating policy. On a related note Healthy Eating Week is the last week in September

**Testing Dates (1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class)**

This year English Testing (Micra, Spelling) will take place from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May and Maths (Sigma) from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> June. Children who are absent on these dates will not be tested unless absence is due to exceptional circumstances e.g. certified illness.

**PE**

PE day will be Thursday, so children should wear tracksuits. Please remember blue polo shirt with tracksuit. Children may also wear tracksuits on Friday this year!

**Pupil-personal accident insurance-24 hour cover.**

This voluntary insurance is now available from the school. Forms overleaf. Please return by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

**Attendance/Absence**

All absences must be explained with a note upon return. If a child misses more than 20 days in a year, it is automatically reported to Túsla.

Once again there will be monthly class prizes and termly full attendance prizes.

**Annual Reminders**

- All visitors must report to the secretary's office. Please do not proceed directly to your child's classroom.
- Full uniform should be worn Monday to Wednesday-including tie. Most children have a crest-it looks great!
- Please clearly label all your child's possessions, including clothes!
- Please take good care of rental and library books!
- Homework should be properly completed.
- Please drive one way past school at opening/closing times ie enter Sheil Ave. from Church Rd, exit to Bayview Terrace.
- Please keep the school up to date with phone numbers and health issues eg allergies.