



Scoilnuacht 13: August 2021

- **Welcome Back:** We are looking forward to seeing you all next week for our first day of term on Wednesday September 1st. We continue our theme of positivity and togetherness for the school year ahead. We hope you all get a chance to enjoy the last blast of sunshine we have been promised for the week ahead.
- **Staff Updates:** We look forward to welcoming back Ms. Arlette Phelan to our staff as our shared SET teacher. Mr. Niall Bourke will also be with us every Thursday and we look forward to working together again. Jenny will be in the office every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Thanks to Fiona who kept us all safe last term by ensuring our lovely school was always so clean, we look forward to Fiona being on board again this term. We wish Kate the very best as she starts her maternity leave and we look forward to the safe arrival of Kate's little baby. Kate has left wonderful resources and support for her replacement. We send best wishes to Mary O Keeffe who takes up a new post in Thurles this year.
- **School Covid Response Plan:** The Department have advised us to continue with what we already have in place. The main points include -Hand sanitising and social distancing, as best possible, will continue. -Children to be left come in and out of school themselves and parents to avoid being on the school grounds. – Children to remain home from school if unwell.
- **Sacraments:** We currently have no update in relation to both Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We will keep you informed as soon as we have concrete information ourselves.
- **Communication:** Email and Text-a-Parent will continue to be our way of keeping you up to date this term. We will keep to paperless contact as best we can. A reminder that

absence notes can be emailed to the school at killeans2020@gmail.com and we will print them off and file them.

- **Past pupils:** We send our very best wishes to Aoibhinn and Dan as they begin 1st year. We hope the new routines will prove only a small challenge for them and that they settle in and enjoy the adventures that await them.
- **Enrolments:** School numbers continue to be a concern for us going forward. We will continue to push forward and promote the school and facilities. Although the tradition of children travelling out from town or from other areas has never been a significant part of life at Killea NS, we will continue to try break through this and keep our lovely school alive.
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