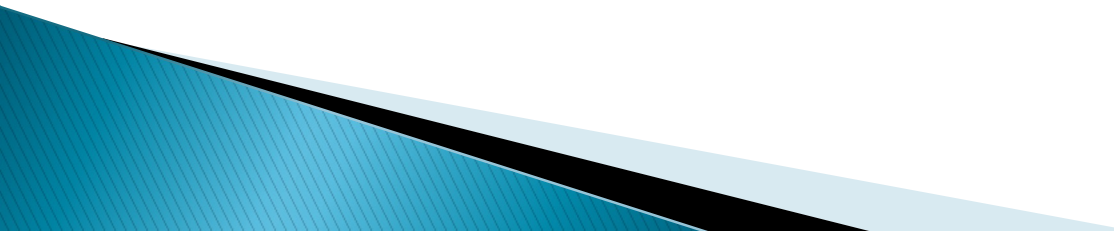


Parent Information Day for Junior Infants

Welcome!



Starting School

- Uniform- tracksuit in infants, velcro runners and please label everything.
 - School bags- homework folders must fit inside.
 - Pencil cases are not necessary.
 - Jewellery- only stud earrings and a watch.
 - Headbangs- ice pack applied and phone call home.
 - Medical Conditions- please make sure we know.
 - Invitations-Please do not send party invitations to school with your child.
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Lunches

- ▶ Healthy eating (water, milk, juice (unsweetened), sandwich/ bread roll etc, fruit, crackers, vegetables e.g. carrot sticks, cheese, popcorn)
- ▶ Wrappers-Please remove all wrappers in your child's lunchbox
- ▶ Small treat on Friday-mini size
- ▶ **No Nuts**
- ▶ Birthdays- We do not celebrate birthdays with cake and sweets.

Independence

Please ensure your child can do the following:

- Opening and closing
 - lunch boxes, bags, coats, drinks, food wrappers, fruit–send in peeled
- Hygiene–Your child should be able to go to the toilet independently

What to Expect in Junior Infants

- 9:00- Doors open
- Roll- taken by 10am
- Absent Notes- Ring the office or write a note on Aladdin
- Subjects- English (Phonics, Handwriting) Irish, Maths, Aistear, SESE (History, Geography, Science), SPHE, PE, Religion, Art, Music, Drama.
- We adopt a hands on approach to learning
- 1:40pm finish

The Importance of Play

Play helps young children to:

- build relationships and social skills
- learn language
- do things for themselves
- read, write, and learn about maths
- try things out/ experiment
- use their small and large muscles
- resolve disagreements
- take turns



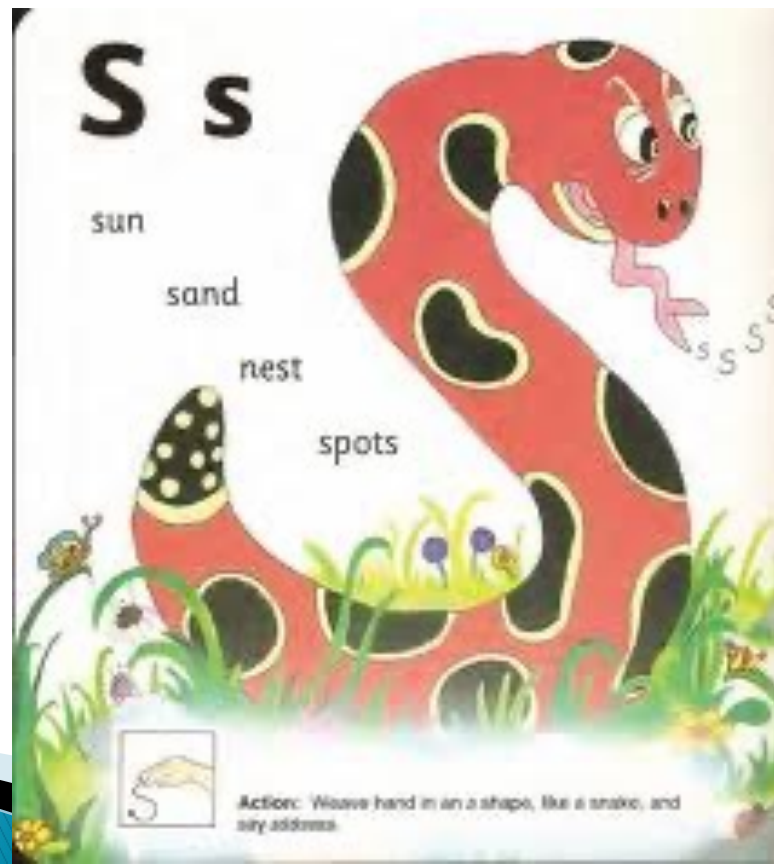
Aistear in Action



Jolly Phonics

This is the programme we use to teach phonics. We will start the programme in November. It teaches:

- Phonetic spelling
- Letter sounds (not names)
- Blending: c – a – t



Learning to read and write

- Try to read a story every day
- Join a library
- Chat to your child
- Play 'pretend' with your child
- Provide your child with crayons, pencils and paper to draw and write on
- Play card and board games



Homework (up to 10 mins)

Homework might include:

- Shared readers
- Sound cards
- Sound copy
- Tricky words
- Phonics readers
- Handwriting (later in the year)

Thank you for viewing our powerpoint

- ▶ We can't wait to see you! 😊

