

# Clooney National School



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12<sup>th</sup> of January 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope you are keeping well and that you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. I would like to bring the following items to your attention.

## Enrolment

We would like to welcome Nateesha who has joined 1st class and Martin who has joined 5th class. We hope that they will be very happy with us here in Clooney N.S.

**Clooney NS Enrolment**

- Clooney National School is now accepting enrolments for the **2024/25** school year.
- Application forms can be downloaded from our website [www.clooneyns.com](http://www.clooneyns.com).
- Any queries please contact the school office by phone or email [clooneyns@gmail.com](mailto:clooneyns@gmail.com).
- Pre-school, Before School and After School Club in Clooney Pre-school : [www.facebook.com/clooneypreschool](http://www.facebook.com/clooneypreschool)

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Clooney NS are now accepting enrolments for new Junior Infants starting in September 2024. Please spread the word and if you know anyone wishing to enrol in school, please let us know. For further details and all relevant enrolment application forms, please contact the school on 065 6835806 or [clooneyns@gmail.com](mailto:clooneyns@gmail.com). This year, enrolment applications can be completed on the main page of the school website via Aladdin - <http://www.clooneyns.com/>

## Christmas Jumper Day



The PA held a Christmas Jumper Day for Clare Crusaders on **Weds, the 20<sup>th</sup> of December**. All the boys and girls wore their Christmas jumpers to school and raised **€266** to Clare Crusaders. Thank you to all who contributed to this very worthy cause.



### Coats

I would encourage all the boys and girls to wear their coats and hats to school as we want to ensure that when they are out on the yard at break time, they are warm as they can be.

### Uniform



I kindly ask that all pupils to wear their full school uniform everyday unless a non- uniform day is advised.

Pupils may wear either their school uniform or school tracksuit:

- **School Uniform:** Grey trousers, grey shirt, grey and green striped tie, and green jumper. Girls may wear grey pinafore and green cardigan if preferred.
- **School Tracksuit:** Grey Polo shirt (school crested) and a green sweatshirt (printed with school name) along with any plain navy tracksuit pants (no stripes).

### Aladdin Connect



This week we rolled out the use of the Aladdin Connect app in our school. Emails were sent with activation codes to enable parents and guardians to register and login into the app. **It is very important that parents download and activate the app as this will be used to send important notices and newsletters from the school. This is to ensure that you do not miss any information sent by the school.** Textparent will no longer be used by the school. If you have any questions about the platform, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

### Parking



I would encourage all parents/guardians to be mindful about parking especially at 3pm. Please do not park in front of neighbours' entrances. Please try to leave as promptly as possible when it is safe to do so to reduce congestion. Parents/Guardians are asked to wait outside the school wall when collecting pupils. Thank you.

### Lunches



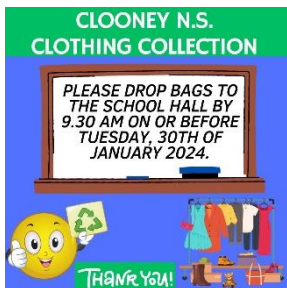
The school continues to promote healthy eating with a Healthy Lunch Policy running in the school. Our healthy eating policy can be viewed on our school website. **Sweets, chocolate bars, crisps, biscuits, popcorn and fizzy drinks are not permitted.** In an effort to reduce school waste we would encourage pupils to use reusable drinks bottles and to take any lunch packaging home in their lunchboxes. Thank you.

### Cumann na mBunscol Clare Primary Schools Handball 2024



Pupils who play handball are invited to put their names forward to compete in the Primary Schools Handball competition on the evenings of January 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Venues to be confirmed. **If your son and or daughter would like to complete, please let the office know via email by next Mon, 15<sup>th</sup> of January.**

- Boys under 11 singles and doubles on Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Boys under 13 singles and doubles on Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Girls under 11 and 13 singles and doubles on Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup>
- Un. 11 Born 2013 or after
- Un. 13 Born 2011, 2012
- Player can only enter in 1 competition.
- Schools may only send one entry per competition.
- Challenger 2 ball to be used in both u11 and u13 games.



### Parents Association Clothing Collection

The PA have organised a clothing collection to raise funds for the school. We can accept bags of the following CLEAN items:

- Curtains & towels
- Bedlinen (duvet covers, sheets, pillowcases, blankets, throws)
- Male, female & children's clothing
- Paired footwear
- Handbags & belts
- Soft toys (teddies)

**WE CANNOT ACCEPT PILLOWS, DUVETS OR CARPETS.**

Bags for the collection may be dropped into the halla during school hours from **Mon, 8<sup>th</sup> of January to Mon, 29<sup>th</sup> of January**. The bags will be collected from the halla on **Tues, 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2024**. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please spread the word with family and friends.

### Parent Teacher Meetings



Parent Teacher Meetings will take in your child(ren)'s classrooms on **16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> of January** between 3.00 pm and 4.30 pm. There are ten minutes allocated to each meeting. Times of the meetings have been emailed to families. **To accommodate 3pm meetings, school will finish for 1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> classes at 2.45pm on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of January.** We look forward to meeting you all over the coming days.

### Stay Safe



The Stay Safe programme is a **mandatory personal safety skills programme** for **all classes** in primary schools. It is developmentally structured to enable primary school teachers to deliver an abuse prevention education that addresses personal safety issues such as physical, emotional and sexual abuse as well as bullying and stranger danger.

As the most important people in a child's life it is essential that parents/guardians are involved in the programme. It's been shown that programmes like Stay Safe are most effective when parents/guardians are actively involved in the process. **Worksheets to accompany the lessons may be given as homework to your child and be brought home for you to sign.** It's important that you use these to discuss the content of the lesson with your child. You can familiarise yourself with the content of the Stay Safe lessons by clicking [here](#).

All classes will be taught the Stay Safe programme on **Tuesday afternoons from 1.00 – 2.00pm beginning on Tues, 23<sup>rd</sup> of January.**

**Dates for your diary:**

- **Parent Teacher Meetings:** Tues, 16<sup>th</sup> and Weds, 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2024. Times advised to families via email.
- **PA Clothing Collection:** Tues, 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2023.
- **Public Holiday:** School closed on Mon, 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.
- **St. Brigid's Day Mass:** Thurs, 1<sup>st</sup> of February, all classes, weather permitting pupils will walk to Clooney Church for 10 am Mass celebrated by Fr. Tom.
- **County Photos:** School photographs to be taken on Fri, 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.
- **Mid Term Break:** Thurs, 15<sup>th</sup> and Fri 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.
- **Service of Light:** Sat, 24<sup>th</sup> of February, pupils in 6<sup>th</sup> class making their Confirmation will celebrate their Service of Light with Fr. Tom at 7pm Mass in Clooney Church.
- **Confession:** Weds, 6<sup>th</sup> of March, pupils in 2<sup>nd</sup> class making their Holy Communion will make their First Confession at 12 noon in Clooney Church with Fr. Tom.
- **Confirmation:** Sat, 9<sup>th</sup> of March at 11 am in Clooney Church.
- **St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday:** School closed on Mon, 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.
- **Easter Holidays:** School closed from Mon, 25<sup>th</sup> of March to Sun, 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2024.
- **Term 3 begins:** School reopens on Mon, 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2024.
- **Holy Communion:** Sat, 27<sup>th</sup> of April at 11am in Clooney Church.

*If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by email [clooneyns@gmail.com](mailto:clooneyns@gmail.com) or by phone (065 6835806) and I will get back to you as soon as possible.*

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