

A Thuismitheoirí / A Chaomhnóirí,

Fáilte go Scoil na gCeithre Máistrí!

We are really looking forward to meeting you all on August 30th for what will be the first day of school life for your child. This can be a challenging, exciting and even nervous time for everyone. Our primary goal for the first few days and weeks is to create a welcoming and positive environment for parents and children. You will have a multitude of questions, doubts and concerns, and this summer will most likely be the hardest as you await the start date. Remember, our main goal is to create the welcome that you and your child deserve. Please don't stress if you haven't everything for the first day – be here, be happy, be healthy!

This year is the first year that all schoolbooks will be provided by the school, so the book list has become a thing of the past. There are some items that need to be purchased and parents will be directed to our website link below and to the different class lists so that they can organise these. Most of our communication happens through the *Aladdin Connect* app but please don't worry if as a new parent you haven't received notification on how to sign up to this. This happens in September after our wonderful new class is welcomed into the school. Once we are all settled in, Múinteoir Máirín and Príomhoide Eoin will inform you of our information evening for new parents in September. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents, discuss topics and ask questions. We also started a new tradition last year of welcoming all our new parents into our hall for an informal 'cupán tae' in the first few days. The school will confirm time and date once we are all back! Again, a great opportunity to meet other parents, Parent's Association reps and staff with whom you will be sharing this journey.

In order to give a phased-in approach with the school day for our Naíonáin Bheaga/Junior Infant class, we have shortened school hours for the first few days:

On **Wednesday 30th August**, children in Naíonáin Bheaga will be in school from 10.00 - 12.00.

From **Thursday 31st August - Friday 8th September**, children in Naíonáin Bheaga will be in school from 9.10 - 12.00.

Commencing on **Monday September 11th** your child will be in school from 9.10 - 1.50.

Morning Arrival: The school day starts at 9.10. The school gate will open at 9.00. Parents may walk their child to the school yard and line up and wait for the school bell to ring.

Home-time Collection: Please wait in the school yard and the children will be let out one at a time. If your child is attending afterschool, please inform Múinteoir Máirín at the beginning with the details.

Hot lunches for the new Naíonáin Bheaga will commence on Monday 11th September. The Lunch Bag Company will provide details on how your child's lunch can be ordered daily in early September. In the interim please provide an appropriate **healthy** lunch for your child.

Please see below links which may be useful.

Book list link: <http://ceithremaistri.ie/liosta-don-scoil-bhliain-lists-for-school-year-2023-24/>

Helpful tips for starting your school journey:

[Réamhscoil go Bunscoil/Pre-school to Primary School – Scoil na gCeithre Maistri](#)

School calendar: [Féilire – Scoil na gCeithre Maistri](#)

Our school vision: <http://ceithremaistri.ie/raiteas-fise-na-scoile/>

Díreimid go dícheallach ar chúram agus ar oideachais na páistí agus oibreimid go dian díograsach le cinntiú go bhfaigheann gach páiste i Scoil na gCeithre Máistrí an eispéaras oideachasúil is fearr gur féidir le linn a dtréimhse scoile linn. Tagann an foireann iontach, ár dtuistí tiomónta agus ár bpáistí álainne le chéile le scoil ar leith a dhéanamh de Scoil na gCeithre Máistrí.

We, as a committed staff, will work every day to give the highest levels of care, attention and education to your children to ensure that each child in Scoil na gCeithre Máistrí receives the best possible educational experience during their time with us. Our wonderful staff, involved parents and superb páistí work in partnership to make Scoil na gCeithre Máistrí a wonderful and unique place.

Táim ag tnúth go mór leis an mbliain taitneamhach agus tairbheach a bheidh romhainn amach. Gach rath oraibh.

Beir bua!

Eoin Ó Crofaigh
Príomhoide