# Scoil Chaitríona Naofa Oristown Newsletter -Sept/Oct 2024

*Some upcoming dates for your diary:*

**October 8th –** School Closure (Primary Maths Curriculum Training Day)

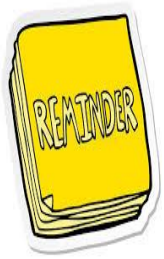
**October 13th** – Confirmation Commitment Ceremony – 10am Oristown Church

**October 20th** – First Communion Enrolment Ceremony – 10am Oristown Church

**Friday 25thth October** – Halloween Closure 3pm – Halloween Disco

**Monday 4th November** – School reopens 9.20am

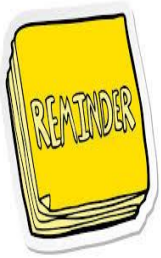
## Reminders:




**Labels:** Please ensure that your child's name is on his/her school jumper. This can save a lot of time during the school day!

**Homework:** Pupils will get homework from Monday-Thursday. Please remember that the oral/learning homework is just as important as the written work. Please remember to check the homework and sign the journals.

**Lunches:** It is in line with our healthy eating policy that **one small personal treat** is permitted on Fridays. We also strongly recommend that pupils bring water as their drink.




**Drop Off/Pick up:** We ask that all members of our school community take extreme care on the roads around the school. The roads are very busy especially at drop off and pick up times. Please use the drop off area in the car park when possible.

**Absence Notes:** Every pupil has received a number of absence note templates. Please fill these in to account for absences. We request that you use these instead of emailing the school. We will provide extras during the year. Extras can also be downloaded and printed from our website www.oristownns.ie

**Morning Times:** The yard will be supervised from 9.15am. Please remember this when dropping your child off. **Early drop-offs are not advised.** Any pupils bringing footballs to school are asked to NOT kick them around the yard in the morning.

**Government Free Book Scheme**

Books for our pupils have been distributed. Depending on class level, some books can be written in and others cannot. If you haven't already, please put a sticker with your son/daughter's name on the outside of each book they've been given. Please ensure that the books are well looked after throughout the year. Any books that have been defaced or damaged will need to be replaced.

Congratulations to Miss Rooney and Miss O'Connor on their recent semi-final win in the Junior Football Championship. Everyone here at the school wishes them luck in the final versus St. Mary's on October 19th.

**Parents Council AGM:**

Our Parents Council AGM took place on Tuesday evening. Thanks to all who attended and to everyone that has agreed to form this year's committee. Your work and support is greatly appreciated. The Parents' Council are always looking for new volunteers and helpers, particularly from our younger classes. Please get involved! Please see the 2024-25 committee members below.

- Chairperson – Lisa Lynch  Vice Chair – Amanda Gough
- Treasurer – Ann Byrne  Vice Treasurer – Lauren Thompson
- Secretary- Henry Walsh  Vice Secretary – Aoife Carty

***Full list of class reps to follow.***

**Sacrament Dates**

*Please see dates above for Commitment & Enrolment Ceremonies.*

**Tuesday 25th February 2025** – **First Confession- 7.30pm (Oristown Church)**

**Thursday 13th February 2025** **Confirmation- 3pm – (Oristown Church)**

**Sunday 11th May 2025**– **First Communion 10am – (Oristown Church)**

**Welcome to Miss Gilsenan:**

We would like to extend a warm Oristown welcome to our newest member of staff, Miss Roisín Gilsenan. She joins us from Kilskyre NS and will teach senior infants this year. We wish her every happiness here at Scoil Chaitríona Naofa.

## Football:

Both boys' and girls' teams got their seasons started over the past few weeks. Despite losing their first two games, the boys' team have rallied strongly and won their last two. Our girls' team have a loss and a win so far and have a chance of progressing to a semi final. Well done to all of the pupils who have worn the school jersey in the past month and best of luck in the upcoming games.

**IMPORTANT:** Please be aware that the email addresses for the school and for the Parents' Council are quite similar. To contact the school, the email address is: oristownns@gmail.com

*The school can also be contacted directly through the 'Contact Us' link on our website www.oristownns.ie*

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