

# BURRANE NATIONAL SCHOOL

## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

A big welcome back to all our pupils, parents and staff for what will be another exciting and enjoyable year for our school.

### First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Our First Holy Communion took place on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We would like to congratulate



Eimear, Caoimhe and Seán on receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We would also like to congratulate Bobby, James,

Michaela, Laura and Micheal on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. We hope you all had a very enjoyable day.

### School Closures

A copy of the school calendar is available on the school website. **Please note:** We may be closed during the school year to facilitate staff training in the new Primary Language Curriculum. Parents will be told when this closure is, once the school receive notification.

In the event of a Referendum or General Election during school time, the school will be closed as it is the local polling station.

### Covid-19.....

#### Routines

Thanks to all our pupils, parents and staff for their co-operation with our necessary school routines that aim to limit the potential spread of Covid-19. Just a reminder around 2 of these routines in particular;

- If you are unsure as to whether your child is healthy enough for school, then your G.P is the best person to advise you accordingly.
- Please see the HSE website for the latest list of Covid-19 symptoms.

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/symptoms/overview/>

Attached please find information on

- "What to do if your child is a close Contact in School"

- Symptoms to look out for in your child

### School Initiatives.....

#### Literacy Stations

The senior and junior rooms started their English Literacy Stations last week. These stations run for an hour a day from Monday to Thursday. The SET team are helping out during this time. If your child is in the Junior Room please take the time to listen to your child read every night. Children in the senior room can read independently, but we strongly encourage parents to discuss the material read with their child. This helps ensure they understand what they are reading.

#### Friday Power Hour

This is a very enjoyable and fun initiative where each room is engaged in a Power Hour Session. We work in our Pods with our teachers in Literacy, Numeracy and Social Skills. We have bought lots of new fun games for us to enjoy with our friends.



#### Daily Reading

As you all know, there is a huge love for Reading in our school. This year we have all decided to work together and share what we are reading with our friends. Each pupil has been given an opportunity to pick a novel of their choice from the School Library to read for pleasure. On Fridays during our Power Hour Session the pupils share their opinions, likes/dislikes and book reports with their friends and teachers. We have been reading so many books and there is great excitement about the Leader Boards in each class. Well done everyone and keep up the great reading.



**Remember - "The**

**More You Read the more You Learn!!"**