



Hansfield

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What a fantastic start we have all made! Welcome back to all our pupils, parents and teachers. A special welcome to our Junior infants, the new pupils in the older classes and our 8 new teachers. Our Junior Infants are now doing their full day and getting used to their really busy routine. They are probably exhausted at home time every day having done so much learning so it's really important that they get lots of sleep and a healthy snack to eat in school.

We all know that children have the best chance of learning when they attend school every day. Our **ATTENDANCE RECORD** in Hansfield is super and parents really do make a huge effort to make sure their children get the 183 days in school that they are entitled to every year. If children are ill however they should remain at home until they are better again ☺

Children learn best when they are happy and healthy. Cycling is a great way to get exercise when coming to school in the mornings and a great way to clear your head when returning home in the afternoons. Fingal CoCo have linked all the nearby estates to all the local schools with special cycle paths. It is best to always wear high viz clothing and of course, a helmet.

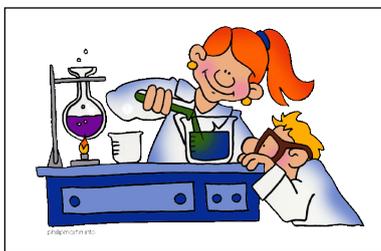


All the resources required in the classes have now been bought and our suppliers are sending invoices requesting payment. Many thanks to the parents who have paid their child's "Resource Money" and to those who have made special arrangements with Fergal to pay.

If you have yet to pay the school for the resources that we have bought for your child, please call into Bernie with cash.

€150 for Junior & Senior Infants. €200 for all other pupils. Many thanks.

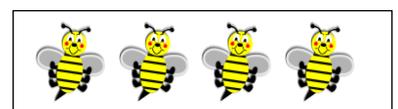
The main Ongar Road is very busy with cars, vans, lorries and buses. We requested from Fingal CoCo that a traffic warden be located at some point on the road to ensure our pupils' safety. Maria has been appointed to help parents and children across the road. If you're in a hurry, you might be tempted to cross the road at a different point but think, which would you prefer - cross safely with Maria and be late for school or cross at a different point and possibly be injured?



After-school clubs begin next week for 5 weeks and there is a kaleidoscope of options available - French, quiz, dance, art, athletics and science. We have 190 children doing clubs this term. Some clubs are on Mondays, some on Tuesdays and some on Thursdays. Pack an extra piece of fruit in lunchboxes on a "club" day. Children can be collected outside the main door at 3:15pm.

Many thanks to the teachers for organising the exciting activities. The children are really looking forward to having fun learning with their friends. We will organise after-school clubs again during the 2nd and 3rd terms.

Busy Bees will be open for Mid-term Halloween break. If you would like your child to attend for the week or part of the week, please phone 087 6601805 to secure a place.



Stuck in traffic? Running late? For a small fee, Busy Bees will collect and take care of your child until you arrive to the school safely. Text us your child's name and class and we'll put an application form in his/her school bag.



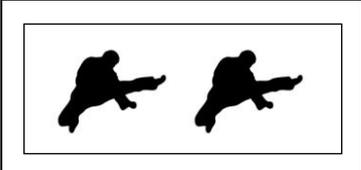
	On Monday 17 th October @ 2:15 p.m. Clinton will meet with parents/guardians of catholic children who are in 1 st Class who wish their children to begin preparation for First Holy Communion. If you are interested but can't attend, you can contact Clinton on 01-8218910
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Our PTA are busy planning their events for the year ahead. We are very lucky to have such a great team organising fun, family and celebratory events. Any money that they collect is used to pay for spectacular learning experiences for the children that our school couldn't afford without their help. Their first event is the children's Halloween Disco in the sports hall on 28th October @ 6pm. More info to follow.



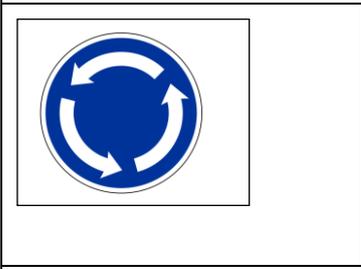
Our "FUN FRIENDS" self-esteem programme for 2nd Classes has started in Roseanne's class this term. This programme trains the children how to solve difficulties that they may come across and how to recognise their feelings and deal with them in a confident way. This programme will be followed up in 5th class with "Friends For Life". Thanks to lisa and Roseanne for delivering this really marvellous initiative.

Hansfield's **STUDENT COUNCIL** meet every month and is presently busy organising an audit of how "green" our school is. We want everyone in our school community to help us improve. We want to make sure that we are disposing of our rubbish correctly and if we make a huge improvement, we will be awarded a green flag for our efforts.



Gerard is beginning his Taekwon Do classes for kids on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30pm. If you would like to join his classes you can do a "taster" session first and if you then decide to join, he will give you a free uniform. You can contact Gerard on 087 758 7032

Would you like to help the teachers in the classrooms? Listening to the children reading, helping with an art lesson, holding a "chat group". If you have one hour to spare during the week, we will find a slot for you. Phone Fergal on 085 8722323 if working in the school interests you.



The area outside the front door is a "Set Down" zone. Car stops, child gets out, car leaves, child goes into school. The system needs to "flow" to be successful. Thank you for your cooperation. If you would like to take a turn on the pedestrian crossing or guiding the children at "drop off" or "pick up" times, you can write your name on the chart inside the front door. Many thanks.

Parents are encouraged to explore our school's website with their child. Every teacher has a "tab" celebrating the children learning new things and they get a sense of achievement explaining to their parents what's happening in the photos.



Has your child arrived home without a jumper, coat, hat or gloves? Check our Lost Property at the back door - it may be there. We dispose all unclaimed items in the recycling centre every term after all items have been examined by every child in the school. School tracksuits should have your child's name written with marker on the inside.

Please inform Bernie in the office immediately if any of your contact details change - 01-8614720

Children in 3rd Class and older are permitted to travel to and from school unaccompanied if their parents/guardians inform the school of this in writing. We would however urge you to arrange a time with your child that they have to be home by and also that they have a phone with them to contact you in the event of an emergency. Parents should make arrangements that a group of children travel to and from school together.

