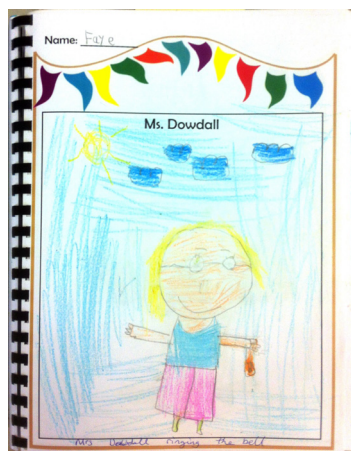


Room 7, Laura

A word from the Chairperson...

Another school year is coming to a close. This is an exciting time with pupils preparing for new classes, some will have new teachers in September and for some, they will be moving to new schools. The voluntary donations have, as always, been put to good use. Amongst other things we have been able to update IT equipment and invest in a lot of resources to support the Aistear programme. We are immensely grateful to you all for your contributions.

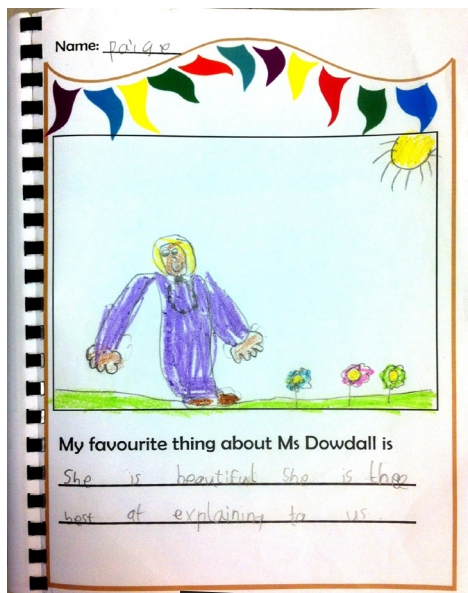


Room 17, Faye

This year there are two big events to celebrate. I'm sure you have all heard that our principal, Miriam Dowdall, has announced that she is taking early retirement. I'm sure all children and parents, past and present, will join me in thanking her for the all the years that she has 'guided the ship', for her wisdom and encouragement and the professional safe environment that she has fostered for children and staff alike. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her health and happiness as she embraces this new chapter in her life.

The second event is the appointment of our new principal, Lorna Lavin. Lorna has been deputy principal for 11 years, is well liked and respected within the school community for the efficient, supportive and professional manner that she has embraced this role. I am confident that Lorna will lead the school with integrity, supporting the entire school community and playing an integral positive role in the personal and educational development of all the children. Finally, a big thank-you, on behalf of the BOM, to the large team that is the staff in our school. It is thanks to their dedication and commitment that the school is a wonderful environment of learning for all pupils.

Here's to happy holidays



Room 18, Paige

Miriam

Congratulations on your last 38 years in the teaching profession. Having first met you as a teacher 25 years ago and then 10 years later back in St. Helen's as the Principal. You have been a big part of my life for 15 years where we worked closely together. We have shared joy, sadness, ups and downs but overall it has been great. Thank you for everything you have done for me personally it is much appreciated. I will miss you but wish you all the best in this new chapter in your life. Take care. The real Boss !!!!



Sophia Doyle raised €300 for Trócaire by giving up all screens.

CATCH UP

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER, ST HELEN'S JUNIOR NATIONAL SCHOOL, PORTMARNOCK. June 2019.

A word from the Principal...

Unlike last year, it has been a June to remember for all of the wrong reasons! Hopefully things will improve very soon and we will actually be able to feel some heat! This term has, as always been a very busy 3rd term with, First Holy Communion, Sportsday, school tours, Green Flag etc. We were SO lucky for both our Sportsday and our Green Flag Raising day to have dry weather amidst all the rain!

The end of the school year means the end of their time for the 2nd class pupils, in our school. We wish the 2nd class children every success in the senior school and know that they will make us and themselves proud when meeting their new principal, Ms Bhreathnach. Four of our pupils from the Cabhair Centre are also moving on to new schools. So we would like to say well done and best of luck in your new schools to Tomás, Justin Max and Evan. We have really loved having you here and we will so miss you all but we know you have a wonderful new adventure ahead!

Mile buíochas to all of the parents who have helped with various projects during the year. This help may have been as part of the library team, the PA committee, tours, Easter bunny, Shoebox, Sportsdays to name but a few activities. We could not carry out any of these projects without your help and support. So let me say a HUGE thank you to you all. I also want to acknowledge the wonderful response which we had to our voluntary contribution. I have been continuously astounded at your generosity



I'm sure you have all heard that I'm retiring this Summer. While I am looking forward to a new chapter in my life, I will greatly miss being part of St Helen's Junior School community, where I have spent 28 and a half of my 38 years service. It has been an immense privilege to teach the children of Portmarnock for 13 years as a teacher and later to be the Principal for 15 years of such a wonderful school. I thank the parents for their support throughout all of those years and for helping us to help your children. I wish also to thank the successive Boards of Management and Parents Committees who helped and supported our school during the past 15 years. I am delighted to say that our current Deputy Principal, Ms Lavin, will be the new Principal from 29th August, when the children return to school. I know that the school will continue to prosper under her guidance and management.

Lastly, I wish to thank all of our parents for their continued support in working in partnership with us, to help us to provide the best educational experience that we can offer their children and to thank the teachers and non-teaching staff for their commitment and dedication in delivering a wonderful year's work. I wish them and you a restful, fun-filled, sunny Summer! And every good wish for continued success in the years to come!

Le Buíochas,

Miriam Dowdall

Dates for your Diary

Friday 28th June 2019

School Closes for Summer Holidays @ 12 noon

Monday 1st July 2019 to Friday 26th July 2019

(July Education Programme) for Cabhair Centre

Thursday 29th August 2019

School re-open @ 8.45a.m. for all classes

except Junior Infants who will start @ 10 a.m.

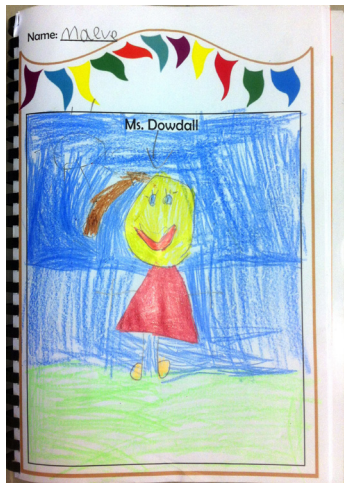
Senior Infants, 1st & 2nd Classes will have their usual full day on 29th August.

Junior Infants will attend from:

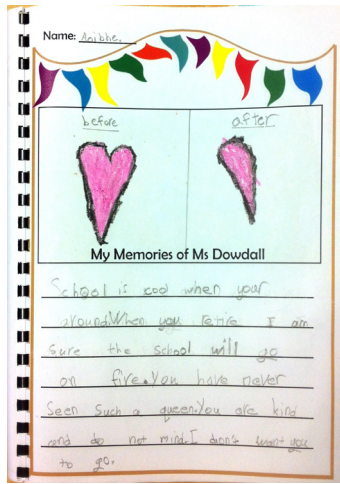
10.00am until 12 noon for Thursday 29th August and Friday 30th August

8.45a.m. until 12 noon from Monday 2nd Sept until Friday 6th Sept

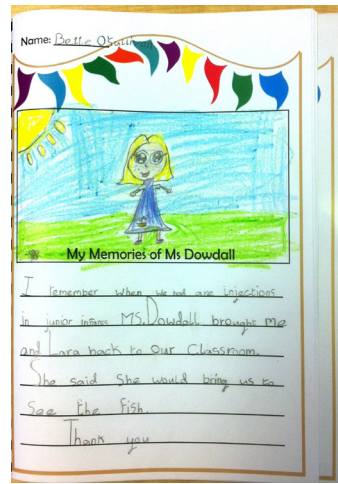
8.45a.m. until 1.30p.m. thereafter



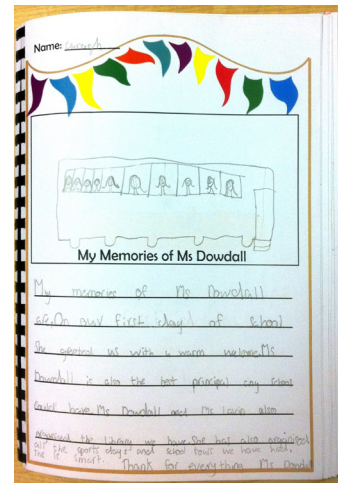
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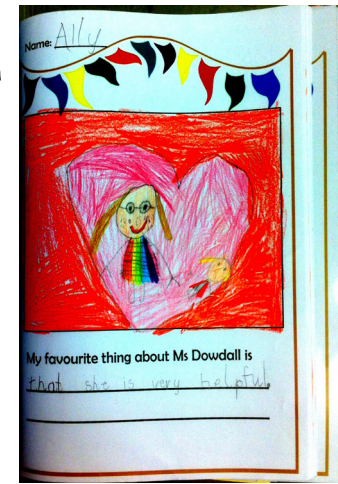
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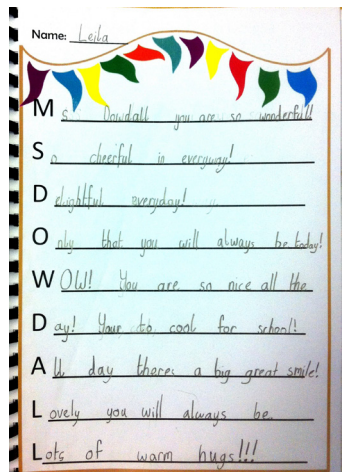
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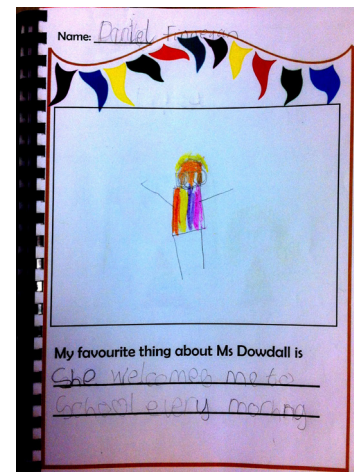
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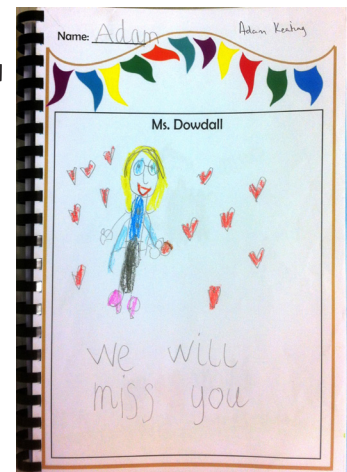
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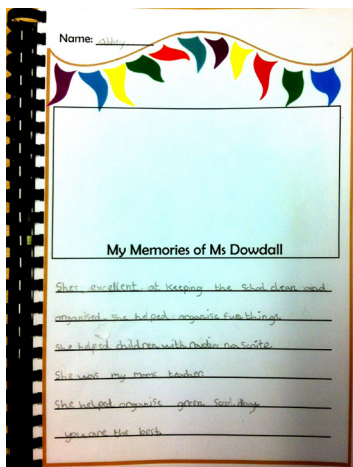
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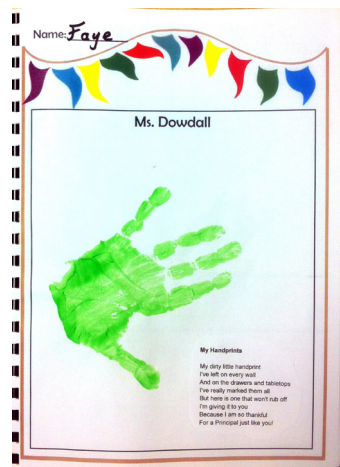
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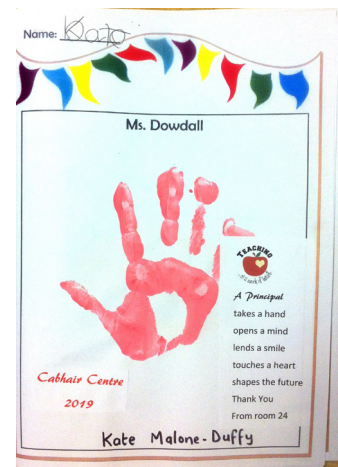
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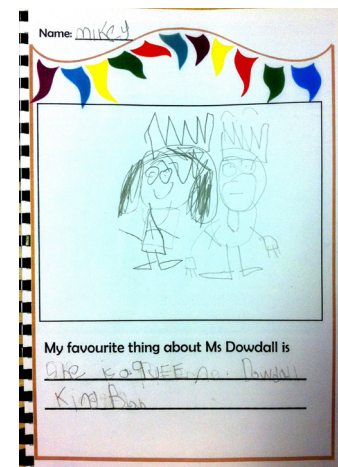
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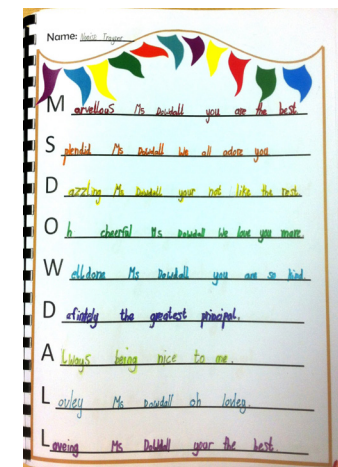
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