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Monday 09th March 2020

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

School will be closed on Monday 16th March and Tuesday 17th March.

School will re-open at 9am on Wednesday 18th March

Assembly

There were so many wonderful costumes on display at Assembly on Friday. Thank you to all the children and adults who made such a great effort to dress up. We had a lovely assembly where we sang songs about reading and listened to some wonderful poems in Irish!

Loreto Letterkenny FEIS

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Loreto Letterkenny FEIS last week. The children recited some poems in Irish and performed some songs. 15 children from Junior Infants - 2nd class took part and they were all wonderful. Thank you to the parents and teachers who helped to prepare the children for the day. Thank you also to the wonderful transition year students and staff who hosted such a fabulous event.

Fun Friday

Fun Friday for next week is 'bring a treat'.

Home School community Liaison (HSCL)

Happy Friday everyone!

Fun Camp 4 Champs:

Mairéad, Nakita and I will be running our Fun Camp for JI-6th class over the Spring Break on the 7th, 8th & 9th of April. There are a limited number of places left, if you are interested please get in touch. Check out the posters for more information! 😊

Friends For Life:

5th class will be participating in the Friends For Life initiative over the next 10 weeks. Mervyn and I will be delivering the sessions in my room each Monday. The children will take home more information on the programme today. If you have any questions please get in touch.

Shaping Ourselves and Our Children: (SOOC)

There will be a new free SOOC course available to our school community which will hopefully be starting on Wednesday **11th of March**. It will run from **5:30pm-8:30pm** Check out the posters for more information. Please get in touch if you would be interested in taking part.

LYFS Parent Support Group:

LYFS are running a parent/guardian support group that will run from 10:15-11:45 every Monday starting on the 2nd of March. It will be a safe environment which will offer practical skills and supports to parents/guardians. The key areas it will focus on are: setting up routines, reducing screen time, managing behaviour, setting rules, co-parenting, positive discipline, parenting alone, dealing with aggression/violence, playing with your child and lots more topical issues. If you would like more information please get in touch!

If you have any queries or questions you can contact me on 074 91 03794 or at hscl@letterkennyetns.ie

Lisa 😊

Keeping Safe & Healthy

We have been working hard with the children to make sure we are all doing our part to keep healthy at school and to stop the spread of germs. We have been focusing on hand washing and coughing/sneezing into our elbow or a tissue!

Some of our pupils are very anxious about the spread of the coronavirus and the staff have also been focusing on keeping the children calm and reassuring them about the spread of the virus. Many of our children/staff have family members in the 'vulnerable' category and some of our pupils/staff themselves have compromised immune systems.

In an attempt to be as proactive as possible about keeping everyone healthy, we will be introducing a number of measures, beginning today, to protect our school community.

1. Junior & Senior Infant collections:

Senior Infant parents/guardians will be asked to use the fire exit nearest to the Senior Infant classrooms (beyond the bike shelter) to collect the children. The adults will be asked to wait at the fire door and Barbara/Ciara will bring the children out.

Junior infant parents/guardians will be asked to stay in the lobby area at the school office and the junior infant teachers will bring the children to the front door.

2. Family Fridays

Family Fridays will be postponed until further notice.

3. Assemblies

Áine will not be taking the whole school assemblies on a Friday morning as this involves almost 350 people in the hall together. Áine will work with individual classes for the next few weeks.

4. Workshops/Visitors

Over the next few weeks we will be trying to minimize the number of visitors/adults to our school. Lisa will not be running workshops between now and the Spring break and teachers will not be hosting any in-class activities.

While we understand that these changes will cause some disruption and disappointment the health of our children, staff members and families is our top priority. Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated.