

COGAR!

Friday 14th September 2018

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

Nut Free School

As you are aware we are a Nut Free school. Please do not send any nut products into the school.

This is a life threatening allergy for one of our pupils so your cooperation with this matter is very important.

Assembly

Thank you to Máire for taking Assembly this morning.

Máire and the children discussed our High 5 rules and how we should treat each other in school.

With the younger children there is a particular focus on 'rough play' (pulling, pushing, wrestling etc.) which is causing some upset at playtimes. Please chat to your child at home about rough play and why it is not allowed in the school yard.

All adults who supervise the yards at break times wear yellow 'high viz' jackets. If the children need help they are encouraged to find an adult in a yellow jacket to help them. Again, we would appreciate it if you could re-visit this with your child at home.

Thank you to all our senior pupils who are setting a fantastic example of our High 5 rules in operation. The older classes are working on moving up and down the stairs/corridors in a quiet, safe manner. Something that probably seems very trivial but with over 200 children coming up stairs to class every day it is so important that this is done in an orderly way!

Fun Friday

Fun Friday for next week is 'Bring a toy'.

Junior Infant Full Day

Well done to the Junior Infant children for completing their first fortnight in school. From Monday 17th September the Junior Infants will finish at 1.40pm.

Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine:

Comhghairdeas le Moya i Rang Nakita, le Jessica i rang Verity, le Eric i rang Ciara, le Daniel i rang Louise, le Amy i rang Rachel, le Asme i rang Jennifer, le Dara i rang Barbara, le Rebecca i rang Mervyn, le Milena i rang Paul agus le Lila Grace i rang Donna.

Positive Behaviour Month

This month is positive behaviour month at our school. Teachers will use this opportunity to draft class rules with the pupils in each class. As parents you can support the school in this work by taking a day a week to discuss each of our high 5 rules. A reminder that the rules are as follows:

- Come to school
- Be respectful
- Be Safe
- Do your best
- Work together

These rules are for everyone in our whole school community. As adults it is our job to model them for the children in our care and as part of our Learn Together Curriculum and ethos. Áine will be visiting all classes next week to talk about the high five rules.

School lunches

Due to new Data Protection regulations Carambola Kidz (lunch providers) are no longer allowed to give us the login details for the children. If your child is new to the school you need to phone 1850 812 300 to request their login details which will be emailed to you. You can then log onto their website www.carambolakidz.ie and choose their lunch for the coming week.

If you have not phoned to receive your login details before 5pm this evening you will need to continue to send a lunch to school for your child next week.

Any changes to school lunches need to be made before midnight tonight to take effect for next week.

School Website (www.letterkennyetns.ie)

Cogar will be posted on the school website and Facebook page each Friday. The class teachers will also be posting information and pictures of the work that the children are doing in classes. Please let us know if you do not wish your child's photo to appear on the website.

Contact Details

If you have changed any of your contact details please let Edwina know ASAP. It is important that we are able to contact a parent/guardians in case of an emergency.

Home School community Liaison (HSCL)

Happy Friday everyone! Just a little note to let you know **home visits** are starting for our new families. I will be giving you a wee ring to find out a day/time that suits us to meet. This is just to have a little talk and tell you some information about your child's school life. I'm looking forward to meeting you all!

Survey:

Thank you to all who took our survey relating to courses. The 3 key areas that people are interested in are parenting, creative and well-being. So, we will be focusing on these courses over the 2018-19 school year. So watch this space!

Courses:

SOOC - shaping ourselves and our children:

Our first course of the year is a **free** child development and diversity course. It will run on a Wednesday from 9:30-1:30 for 4 weeks in October. **Lunch** will be provided and there is a **childcare allowance**. It focuses on the hopes and fears we have for our children, confidence, self-esteem, communication skills and learning through play and respect for diversity. If you would like more information come and see me.

School events:

Family Friday:

Our first Family Friday will take place on Friday 28th of September. All family members are welcome to come into school and visit their child/childrens classes. This is open from Junior Infants to 6th class. Áine will be hosting a tea/coffee morning from 9:00-9:30am and then the adults are free to visit the classes from 9:30-10:00am. We hope to see you all there!

Grandparents and Grandfriends day:

We are hosting our very first Gandparents and Grandfriends day on Friday the 5th of October. We want to celebrate all the amazing work the special people in your child/children's life do. These people can be grandparents, grand aunts, grand uncles, aunts, uncles, cousins, childminders, neighbours, family friends etc.. so watch this space for more information!

If you have any questions or queries feel free to contact me at hscl@letterkennyetns.ie
Lisa ☺

A Big Thank You

Massive thanks to Leanne, Jovita and Kelly thre of our parents that covered Learn Together books. Thanks also to Julie and Fiona (also parents of children in the school) who organised the Learn Together section of the library. The effort of parents within the school is invaluable to the children and the development of the school.

New School Diary

All pupils in 2nd to 6th classes will receive a homework diary this week. We are delighted with these diaries which contain lots of important information about our school. Please take some time to familiarise yourself with the diary. You will note that there is a requirement for parents to sign the diary every evening and to indicate how much time their child has spent on their homework. 1st class will receive their homework diaries when they begin their homework at the end of September.

School Calendar

A copy of the calendar for the school year 2018/2019 is available on the school website and school Facebook page. Paper copies are available on request from the school office.

Class Meetings

Each year the class teachers at the school organise meetings to allow parents to get an overview of what the children will be learning in school each year. This is also an opportunity to meet the class teacher and to learn about the ways in which you can support your child. Each meeting will last approximately 30 minutes and the timetable for the meetings is as follows:

6th Class - Monday 1st October @ 2pm
5th Class - Tuesday 2nd October @ 2pm
4th Class - Wednesday 3rd October @ 2pm
3rd Class - Thursday 4th October @2pm
2nd Class - Monday 8th October @2pm
1st Class - Tuesday 9th October @2pm
Senior Infants - Wednesday 10th October @1pm
Junior Infants - Thursday 11th October @1pm

Attendance at these meetings is very important and appreciated by the staff and the children.

After School Clubs

A letter is being sent home to each family today regarding after school clubs at the school. The clubs will begin on Monday 24th September and run for 5 weeks.

The letter lists the clubs that are being run, what class group they are for and days/times etc. It also lists the cost for each club.

Registration for the clubs will be held on Tuesday 18th September at the school between 5.30pm - 6.30pm. An adult must bring the completed registration forms to the school during this time to sign your child up for a club.

In order to make the process as fair as possible no registration forms will be taken before this time.