

# COGAR!

Friday 14th December 2018

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

**IMPORTANT!!!**

School closes at 12.00pm on Friday, 21st December for Winter break. School will re-open on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January at 9am. Bus drivers have been told about this.

Winter Assembly

Our Whole School Winter Assembly will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm - 7pm.

Winter Assembly

Preparations are getting underway for our Winter Assembly. The purpose of the assembly is to allow us to come together as a school community and to spend some time together before the Winter break.

With this in mind we will have a few activities taking place from 6pm-7pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> December.

- **Christmas Disco** - we will hold a disco for the children in the school hall. The children can wear Christmas jumpers if they like and have a dance to some festive music.
- **Art/Craft activities** - these will be set up in Lisa's room and will be linked to the following celebrations:

Diwali, Mawlid, Hanukah, Bodhi Day, Winter Solstice & Christmas.

*We would love some parental help/ideas for these activities or would appreciate it*

*if some parents would be able to help us run these stations during the assembly.*

- **Reading Area** - a quiet area to relax with a book and chill.

- **Holiday Café area** - milk and cookies! Families are welcome to pop in for a few minutes or to spend the hour with us. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all activities as the teachers will be busy running the activities so won't be in a position to supervise too!!

As always extra helping hands are welcome so please let Áine, Edwina or Lisa know if you might be available to help.

Assembly

4<sup>th</sup> class were in charge at assembly this morning as they shared their learning with us. As part of the Learn Together curriculum the children have been learning about how conflict occurs and ways that they can resolve it.

The children from 4<sup>th</sup> class did some role-play at assembly to show us some of the conflict that can happen during the school day and how we might be able to resolve it.

Thanks 4<sup>th</sup> class!!

Fun Friday

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

Gaeilgeoir/Cairde na Seachtaine:

Comhghairdeas le Diya i Rang Nakita, le Harjeet i rang Verity, le Matthew i rang Ciara, le Jason i rang Louise, le Natalia i rang Rachel, le Aoife i rang Jennifer, le Patrick i rang Barbara, le Victoria Jane i rang Mervyn, le Zana i rang Paul, le Latifa i rang Mary

Home School community Liaison (HSCL)

Happy Friday everyone! Just a few announcements this week:

Home visits: Thank you to all the families who have taken the time to welcome me into your homes, it has been lovely meeting you all. I'm glad to say I have finished my home visits with

the Junior Infant families. Feel free to get in touch if you need any help or support throughout the year!

**Infant workshops:** Thank you to everyone who returned the notes for the workshop. We will be holding writing workshops focused on the cursive text we use in school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of January. See you all then!

**Community fundraiser:** we are holding a cake sale to raise money for the children's ward in Letterkenny University hospital from 9:30am-2:30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of December in the school hall. We would really appreciate any donation of baked or bought goodies on the day. They can be given to any member of staff. Thank you in advance for your kind support! 😊

Finally, I would just like to thank our school community for all their kindness, support and co-operation in 2018 and I'll see you all in 2019. I hope you all have a restful Winter break!

If you have any queries or questions you can contact me at [hscl@letterkennyetns.ie](mailto:hscl@letterkennyetns.ie)  
Lisa 😊

### **PSA News**

This year's project is to create a School Community Cook book . We already have had offers of design and photography skills, sponsorship from some parents' businesses. Thank you very much and please keep the project in your sights and a work in progress within your family or household - it will roll continuously throughout the year and we hope to have a publication before the end of summer term 2019

Community Cookbook- the children learned a lot about food & nutrition last year as part of Operation Transformation. We are trying to gather recipes and artwork for inclusion in the school community cookbook. Please send your family favourite recipe for a starter, snack desert or main Meal - all contributions and ideas welcome to [letnspsa2017@gmail.com](mailto:letnspsa2017@gmail.com)

If you would like to be further involved please contact Louise Ozbay Tel: 0879123512 or Lisa HSCI [hscl@letns.com](mailto:hscl@letns.com) or leave your details with Edwina at the school reception. Your favourite family recipe can be hand written, photocopied or typed. Please also send in a family photo and/or a picture drawn by your children. It can be emailed or handed into the class teacher.

**We are putting a hamper together for raffle at the winter assembly. Please leave any donations at the school office. We will also be holding a bucket collection at the Winter Assembly to help raise funds for enhancing the playground. Volunteers on the day to sell tickets, shake a bucket, help with making tea/coffee would be greatly appreciated. If you can help contact [letnspsa2017@gmail.com](mailto:letnspsa2017@gmail.com)**

### **Season's Greetings!**

***As this is the last Cogar of this year the staff at Letterkenny Educate Together would like to take this opportunity to wish all our community a restful Winter break. For those of you who will be marking special celebrations such as Christmas, Hanukkah and Winter Solstice we send season's greetings. For those of you expecting a midnight visit from that generous man in the red suit, may we remind you to be tucked up in bed nice and early on the 24<sup>th</sup>!***