

COGAR!

Friday 18th October 2019

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

Mid-Term Break

School will close on Friday 25th of October at the usual times of 1.40 and 2.40pm

School will re-open Monday 4th of November at 9am. Bus drivers know about this.

Assembly

We had two very special guests at our assembly this morning. Paul Hannigan and Jamie joined us for the morning.

Paul - Chairperson of Board of Management.

After two busy terms, Paul is stepping down as Chairperson of the Board of Management. We asked Paul to join us at assembly this morning so that we could thank him for all the support that he has given us over the last 8 years. As all Board members are volunteers, Paul has given up countless hours to lead the school forward.

His commitment to our school has played a major role in shaping the teaching and learning in the school and promoting the child-centred, inclusive approach to education that is evident throughout the classrooms.

Paul was also instrumental in securing our new school building and promoting the reputation of Letterkenny Educate Together NS within the local community.

Paul has promised us that he will continue to support the school and pop in to see us in the future. Thank you Paul.

Jamie

Today was also a special day for Jamie. Jamie has been a central part of our school community since 2007 and he has decided to take a well-deserved break! Jamie spoke to the children this morning about his retirement and we thanked him for everything that he has done for the school.

The children were delighted to hear that Jamie is still going to be part of our school. He will be working with classes on woodwork projects and will still be helping out around the school. Great news!

Ray will be undertaking the role of caretaker in Jamie's absence.

Fun Friday

Fun Friday for next week is 'dress up Friday'.

HSCL

Happy Friday everyone! Just a few announcements this week:

School Disco: We will have 2 school discos this year as our school is growing in numbers and we want to keep everyone safe. **Please note that the children are strictly not allowed to bring their mobile phones.**

Senior Disco:

2nd - 6th class only will be held in our school hall on **Thursday the 24th** of October from **6:00pm to 7:00pm.** Juice/water will be provided for the children. Feel free to dress up in your favourite costume! **All children must be accompanied/supervised by an adult. If children do not have an adult with them, unfortunately we cannot let them in.** Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Junior Disco:

Junior Infants - 1st class only will be held in the school hall on **Friday the 25th** of October from **1:00-1:40pm.** Juice/water will be provided for the children. Feel free to dress up

in your favourite costume! All family members are welcome to join their children for the disco.

Family Friday: there will be **no Family Friday this month** as we have our school disco and the children will be getting their holidays on Friday 25th of October. The next Family Friday will be held on Friday 29th of November.

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

Parent Staff Association

The next meeting of the Parent-Staff Association (PSA) will be on Friday the 25th of October from 9- 10am in Lisa's room. All parents/guardians of children in the school are members of the PSA and are very welcome to attend and we would love to see some new faces.

Board Of Management Elections

November will see the constitution of a new Board of Management at all schools across the country. Each Board lasts for a term of 4 years and plays such an important function in the running of the school.

The purpose of the Board of Management is to oversee the running of the school and to ensure that all decisions made are in line with the Educate Together ethos. They also confirm the appointment of staff members and ensure that the teaching and learning in the school is of the highest standard.

There are 2 parent representatives on the Board of Management. There must be a male and female representative (with a child currently at the school) and they need to be elected by the parent body.

In the coming weeks Áine and the PSA will be holding a meeting to seek nominations for the role of parent rep. Anyone who is interested can either nominate themselves at this meeting or bring along another person who can nominate them. If there is more than 1 person nominated

for each position a vote will be sent home to each parents in order to establish who will be elected.

If you would like to know more about the role or are interested in making a nomination please pop in to chat to Áine who can give you more information regarding the process and what is involved.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings will be held on Thursday 21st November. School will close for all pupils at 12pm on this day to facilitate the meetings.

More information will follow after the mid-term break.

Sports Camp

Nakita will be running a Sports camp at the school during the mid-term break. The camp will run on Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th October from 10am - 1pm. The cost of the camp is €35 per child.

Please call into the school office to register for this camp.

Mission Statement of the Parent-Staff Association

We the parents and guardians of children attending Letterkenny Educate Together National School are committed to upholding the equality-based ethos of the school. All parents or guardians are an integral part of the school community. The purpose of the Parent-Staff Association is to further build that community and as such, we are committed to a collaborative process of contributing. All parents and guardians are welcome at any stage of their child's education here. Through social, fundraising and educational activities we aim to reflect and respect the diverse membership of our school community.

'Anti-bullying Training for Parents/Guardians'



**All parents/guardians are
welcome.**

**When: Tuesday the 22nd October
7pm – 9pm.**

Location: Lisa's room.

**Kids homework passes will be
given to all parents who attend
&
tea, coffee and refreshments will
be provided.**

Please note that the training has
been developed specifically for a
parent/guardian audience and is
not suitable for children.

**Trainer: Edel Mc Brearty from the
NPC.**

