

COGAR!

Friday 22nd September 2017

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

Assembly

Áine and the children talked about their 'buckets' at assembly this morning. They shared stories from the week about things that happened that filled their buckets. We then all took some time to tell each other something that we were excited about or looking forward to in the weeks ahead.

At the senior assembly Áine shared a poem with the children called 'Little Eyes Upon You'. Here's a great reminder that your attitudes and actions set an example for many.

Little Eyes Upon You

There are little eyes upon you
and they're watching night and day.

There are little ears that quickly
take in every word you say.

There are little hands all eager
to do anything you do;

And a little boy who's dreaming
of the day he'll be like you.

You're the little fellow's idol,
you're the wisest of the wise.

In his little mind about you
no suspicions ever rise.

He believes in you devoutly,
holds all you say and do;

He will say and do, in your way
when he's grown up just like you.
There's a wide-eyed little fellow
who believes you're always right;
and his eyes are always opened,
and he watches day and night.

You are setting an example
every day in all you do;
For the little boy who's waiting
to grow up to be just like you.

Author Unknown

Fun Friday

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

School Hoodies

Forms are still available at the school office for school hoodies. They are €15 per hoodie payable when you place your order. Unfortunately zip up hoodies are not available at the moment.

Home School community Liaison (HSCL)

Happy Friday everyone! It's been great to get the home visits started and have a little catch up with some parents this week. These visits will continue for the next few weeks until I've had a chance to have a talk with all the new JI adults! I'll be giving you a wee ring to arrange a time that suits you. Looking forward to meeting you all!!☺

Events:

Family Friday: is on 29th of September from 9:30-10:00 in the Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st and 2nd classes.

Care for a cuppa: tea/coffee morning with photos on show of our new school will be on Friday 29th of September from 10:00-10:30am in 6th class.

Courses:

Parents plus: all info on the school Facebook page, if you are interested you can let me know.

Strengthening families: all info on the school Facebook page, if you are interested you can let me know.

If you want to get in touch about anything you can contact me at

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Lisa ☺

If Your Child Misses School...?

Please remember to send an absence note/letter with your child when they return to school after being absent. We appreciate phone messages explaining why the child is missing school but we still need a written note after receiving such a call.

Team Teaching and Learning Support

Team Teaching is the phrase used to describe the way lessons are delivered to the children in our school. This means that 2/3 teachers might be involved in a Literacy or Numeracy hour in your child's class. Team teaching means that each teacher can be responsible for a much smaller group of children allowing them to plan activities suited to their individual needs.

Sometimes (because a class of 30 children all reading at the same time can be noisy!) a teacher might take a group of children to a resource room to complete the activity. **All pupils in our school are involved in the team teaching model of support.**

Team teaching is different to **Learning support**. Learning support will be offered to your child if we feel that they are experiencing some difficulty with their learning. If we feel that your child would benefit from Learning Support you will receive a letter/phone call from the school to discuss this with you directly. We need your consent to begin learning support with your child and you will be asked to sign a form. If your child is offered learning support it may

be for a short period or over the course of a school year depending on your child's needs. Learning support is usually delivered in small groups.

Please feel free to contact Áine if you have any further questions regarding team teaching or learning support.

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:

5th Class - Tuesday 3rd October @ 2pm

4th Class - Wednesday 4th October @ 2pm

3rd Class - Thursday 5th October @2pm

2nd Class - Monday 9th October @2pm

1st Class - Tuesday 10th October @2pm

Senior Infants - Wednesday 11th October @1pm

Junior Infants - Thursday 12th October @1pm

6th Class - Monday 16th October @ 2pm

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

Lost/Damaged Books

Last year a total of 80 reading books, that were sent home, were either lost or damaged. These books need to be replaced at considerable cost to the school. As homework has begun this week please ensure that all reading books are properly looked after and returned to the school each day in your child's folder. The class teacher will keep a record of each book that is sent home and when it is returned. If a book is not returned or is badly damaged a note requesting €8 payment will be sent home.

Our guided reading programme in the school has been hugely successful over the last few years and your support in helping to look after the books is very much appreciated.

