

# COGAR!

Friday 25th May 2018

## School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

### Reminder - June Holiday

School will be closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. School re-opens for pupils on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 9am. Bus drivers have been informed of this.

### New Child Protection Guidelines

New Child Protection Guidelines have been introduced for all schools. In line with these new guidelines our 'Child Safeguarding Statement' is now available on the school website.

As the area of Child Protection is a high priority the Department of Education is currently providing training for all schools on this new curriculum. Part of this programme will involve one full day school closure to allow staff to access training.

**The training day for staff will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018. School will be open for staff only on this day. Therefore the children will return to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June (school is closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> due to the June bank holiday).**

### Assembly

Get Active Week, Sports Day and the Summer Fair were the hot topics at assembly this morning. Aine and the children discussed all the activities that will be taking place over the coming weeks and all the fun that we will be having.

Voting for the new Student Council and Green Team Representatives also took place today. We will let you know the results of these

elections once the ballot boxes have been collected and the votes counted.

### Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine:

Comhghairdeas le Maria & Megan i Rang Verity, le Daniel i rang Louise, le Alex i rang Rachel, le Francis i rang Jennifer, le Ethan i rang Barbara, le Kisho i rang Ciara, le Marwin i rang Nakita agus le Akshara i rang Paul.

### Fun Friday

Fun Friday for next week is a Friendship Picnic.

### PSA

All parents/guardians are members of our school community and are therefore automatically members of the PSA. You are **needed** and welcome to get actively involved at any time and to attend monthly meetings. Email address is [letnspsa2017@gmail.com](mailto:letnspsa2017@gmail.com)

### Home School community Liaison (HSCL)

Happy Friday everyone!

### Big Bedtime Read:

Well done to all of the Senior Infants and their families who took part in our reading initiative over the last 2 weeks. They had a visit from the Library, did lots of Zoo activities and created amazing projects on their favourite Zoo animal. We had a very busy class yesterday when all the family members joined us for the project presentations, thank you to everyone for making the effort to come yesterday!

### Get active week:

Next week is our Get Active week in school. We will be doing lots of activities each day so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately to take part in these activities. We will be holding our Walk to school Wednesday this week and we would love if our school community would make a big effort to walk to school. Our sports day will be on Thursday from 9:30-12:30 and family members are welcome to pop in.

### Family Friday:

Our last Family Friday of the school year will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. We hope to see as many of you as possible visiting the Junior, Senior, 1<sup>st</sup>

and 2<sup>nd</sup> classes. We will be having one of our parents deliver our senior assembly on the day.

### **Summer Fair:**

Our summer Fair will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June this year from 5pm-7pm. It is always a lovely way to end our year by having a big get together for our whole school community. If you are interested in having a stall please get in touch with us. We hope to see you all there! ☺

If you have any queries or questions you can contact me on 086 7232894 or at

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Lisa ☺

### **Book Rental**

A letter was sent home with the children this week outlining the Book rental fees for the school year 2018/2109. Thank you to the parents who have already sent in their book rental fees. The cost is €100 for the eldest child and €75 for any other siblings.

### **Success at LETNS!**

Well done to all of our talented athletes who took part in the Finn Valley athletics competition last Friday. As usual the children were a credit to our school as they competed against school from all over Donegal. Thank you to all the adults who supported the children at this event.

### **Moving On**

It is very important to tell the school if your family is moving out of this area and your child will not be coming back in September. We can then offer school places to children on waiting lists.

### **Checking for notes!**

The next 6 weeks are a busy time in our school. Please keep checking your child's school bag/homework folders for notes that are being sent home about school trips etc.

We will keep you updated through Cogar and our Facebook page of all whole school events that are happening in the coming weeks.

### **School Garden**

A school gardening team is up and running with a small group of enthusiastic teachers and at present a couple of students. We intend for this to grow as we become more familiar with our new surroundings. We also wish to include interested parents as an when future activities and projects take place, so if any parents/guardians are keen to be a part of the garden team and willing to help with activities we would be more than delighted to hear from you. Leave your name and phone numbers with Jan, SNA in the school or with Edwina in the school office.

Also, the Summer Fair is coming soon (14<sup>th</sup> of June) and we will have a plant staff for fundraising. Anyone with extra plants at home may donate them for sale at the fair. I will collect any donations of plants after the June bank holiday. Many thanks and enjoy the good weather.

### **Sharon and Kieran**

Massive thanks to Sharon and Kieran who have been on placement here since the start of the school year. They have been such a help to the teachers and children in class, and were a great support during our hectic school move. The staff and children will miss them both.