

COGAR!

Friday 29th November 2019

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

Winter Assembly

Our Whole School Winter Assembly will be held on Friday 13th December from 9.30am - 10.30am

Important Dates:

- Wednesday 4th December - the Department of Education will be holding a training day for all teachers in relation to the Primary Language Curriculum. The school will be closed for all pupils on this day.

Fun Friday

Fun Friday for next week is 'fancy jumper Friday'. Wear your favourite jumper!

School Cook Book

The PSA are still trying to move forward with a community cookbook. They have many volunteers who are willing to help but we need to ask for your help again with the recipes.

A template will be sent home next week so that each family can submit a recipe. The templates will need to be scanned in order to create the book so we would ask that you would help your child to make sure that the recipes are written clearly. Some colourful pictures/decorations would also be really nice to include on the template.

For the younger pupils, the recipes can be written by the adults at home and perhaps your child can decorate it. Older pupils may wish to write the recipes themselves.

Protect our Plants!

The plants in the flower beds at the front of the school are being destroyed by children running through them. The staff will be talking to the children about staying out of the flower beds and we would appreciate it if you would chat to your child at home about this. Most of the damage is being done before 8.50am and after the 1.40pm and 2.40pm pick-ups.

Morning Drop Off and Evening Collection

We would like to remind parents/guardians that supervision is not provided at the school before 8.50am and pupils should not be left unattended before this time.

This week a number of children have fallen out the front of the school before 8.50am and hurt themselves. There have also been increasing arguments between children who have been left unsupervised in the mornings. Áine spoke to the children this morning and she has explained that if are dropped off early they cannot run around in front of the school and must line up by their designated yard area.

We are asking that pupils are not left unsupervised before 8.50am and reminding all parents/guardians that the school accepts no responsibility for pupils before this time.

We are also having some challenges with children who are being left late at school on a regular basis. School finishes at 2.40pm and school staff have other commitments after school. We understand that sometimes things can pop up unexpectedly, but it is unfair on children who are left standing after school daily as the children find this upsetting.

Bake Sale

6th class are holding their annual bake sale to give back to the local community. This year the money will be split between Pieta House and Elderly supports. Any food donations would be greatly appreciated! Thanks as always for your continued support.

Home School community Liaison (HSCL)

Happy Friday everyone! Just a few announcements this week:

Catch up with a cuppa/Family Friday: Thanks for coming everyone! We hope you enjoyed today.

What's in my head projects: Well done to all the children in Junior Infants who presented their amazing projects in school today. Thank you to all the families for supporting their children with this project! Thanks to Verity, Nakita and Mairead for working on the projects in school. It's always lovely to hear about all the things that are important to the children! 😊

6th class information:

Remember to keep a check on the important dates for your preferred school as there are lots of open days and entrance exams this month. Most entrance exams are on tomorrow 30th of November. Please don't make a big issue about the tests try and talk to your child about trying their best but not to worry too much about it. Good luck everyone! 😊

Courses:

Shaping Ourselves and Our Children (SOOC): Thanks to everyone who has signed up for the course already we are still taking names of anyone interested. It is open to all adults who look after children in our school and is relevant to all age groups. We are hoping to run this fantastic course in the New Year. If you are interested please get in touch!

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

Learn Together

We are hoping to create boxes of artefacts for each world religion. Over the next 6 weeks I will put a list of artefacts that we are looking to gather for a specific religion in Cogar. All donations would be greatly appreciated. This week we will focus on **Islam**.

If you have any of the following artefacts/objects and would like to donate it/them to the school please give them to Edwina in the office or send your child down to my room (JI beside Lisa's

- Prayer Mat
- Qur'an
- Qur'an Stand
- Prayer Hat
- Hajj Robe
- Eid Card
- Prayer Beads
- Qiblah
- Kaffiyeh
- Hijab

(any Islamic religious objects/artefacts)

Thank you for your support as always,
Mairéad

PSA Notices

PSA Fundraising: The PSA will be selling raffle tickets and holding a bucket collection at the Winter Assembly to raise funds to enhance the new school playground area. A hamper will be put together for the raffle as one of the prizes, so we are looking for donations of items to fill it and for other raffle prizes from the parent/guardian body. Please leave any donations at the school office. Volunteers on the day to sell tickets, shake a bucket or help with making tea/coffee would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, contact letnspsa2017@gmail.com or speak to any of the PSA committee members Thank you for your support.

The next meeting of the Parent-Staff Association (PSA) will be on Friday the 31st of January from 10am after Family Friday 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.

Car Park Safety

The issue of safety in our car park has been raised by concerned parents again this week. We need all car park users to follow the one-way system that is in operation in the car park and to reduce your speed to 5km per hour.

There have been some near misses this week involving parents and children and we are highly concerned that an accident is going to happen. We all need to work together to keep the children safe.