

LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2016



September 2016

Principal:

Mr. Michael Feeney

Deputy Principal:

Ms. Eimear Carroll

Present Staff Allocation

Maura Barry (L. Support)
Marion Cahill (1st Class)
Maura Boland (2nd Class)
Maureen Copse (4th Class)
Eimear Carroll (J. Infants)
Sinead Bourke (5th Class)
Sandra Delaney (Sen. Infants)
Marie Blake (L. Support)
Helen Mc Inerney (3rd lass)
Edel O' Doherty (6th Class)
Kevin Raftery (Sen. Infants)
Shane Mc Grath (Resource)
Eimear Quirke (Resource)
Sheena McDonald (J Infants)
Lindsey Jordan (3rd Class)
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Welcome Back

On behalf of the B.O.M. I would like to welcome you all back after the summer holidays, especially the new entrants and their parents and to thank you for entrusting the education of your children to the staff of Lisnagry National School. I look forward to all of us working together to ensure the school will be a safe, happy, and busy place for your children to grow and learn.

Points of Information

School officially starts for all classes at 9.20 am so please ensure your child is present on time so as to limit disruption to classes. Roll call is taken in each room at 9.50am so any children not



present at this time are marked absent.

However, if you know that your child has an appointment which will delay them please notify the teacher in writing in advance and your child can then be marked present on their return.

Should you wish your child to remain indoors during break time a note is necessary stating the reason. Children who are sick should stay at home until fit for school.

School Absences

In accordance with the School Welfare Act '98 schools are obliged to inform the relevant authorities of absences of 20 days or more. Notes from parents explaining each absence are required at all times and will be kept in school files for Túsla. A phone call will not suffice. Please use the absence notes at the back of the new homework journal. Parents are requested not to withdraw pupils during term time.

Supervision

Children are supervised every morning in the yard from 9am to 9.20 am and

for fifteen minutes after school. Children who are on school grounds before and after these times are not supervised. Please note that the BOM cannot accept responsibility for pupils dropped off before this time.

Appointments

All parents and visitors are requested to use the front door only and to report to Fiona at reception. Please refrain from disturbing classes as much as possible. We would appreciate it greatly if the parents of junior infants would leave as soon as possible after the 2' O clock collection. We have found the noise level very disruptive to the learning in classes adjacent to the yard. It is not appropriate to have small children roaming freely in the school yard as this gives rise to safety concerns. If you wish to speak to a teacher concerning your child please make an appointment. Please sign and use your child's homework diary to ensure consistency of communication between the school and home.

School Uniform

Children should be in the full crested Lisnagry NS school uniform attending school.

Clothing with logos or branding e.g Nike, Canterbury etc are not permitted because wearing these types of clothing differentiates children and defeats the point of having a school uniform. Please ensure that all of your child's possessions especially jumpers and jackets are clearly labelled with their name and class as these can easily be mislaid. If you have mislaid anything or wish to view our lost and found please do so before the end of the month.

Healthy Lunches

A healthy eating policy is in operation in our school in an effort to develop good eating habits and help combat obesity in the future. This policy can be viewed on our website www.lisnagryns.ie. Please support this initiative and provide healthy lunches for your child including fruit and veg. Children are requested to take lunch wrappings home in an effort to encourage green awareness as part of our SESE curriculum.

Nut Allergies

A number of pupils in our school have an extreme form of food allergy to nuts. In the interest of health and safety we request that children are not given nuts or nut related products for lunch. While we are aware of the inconvenience that this may cause we cannot take a risk with a child's life. Here in Lisnagry, we will do all we can to ensure these childrens safety but we depend on parental support with regard to lunches. The BOM earnestly requests your support in this matter.

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School Contribution

I would like to thank the parents who have paid the requested €50 school contribution which goes towards photocopying, art and craft and insurance. I would just like to remind those of you who have yet to do so. Should you have difficulty meeting this payment, please do not hesitate to contact me in the strictest of confidence. Your child is insured for personal accident twenty four hours from the 1/09/2016 to the 31/08/2017. Please keep expense receipts in event of accidents. Claim forms are available from the school

E-Payments

We are delighted to inform you that we are rolling out an e-payment system to facilitate the easier payment of school money collections. You will receive an email with a payment access link which will enable you to make secure payments to the school using your credit or debit card. If you still wish to pay by cash/cheque, our new school journal has a payment/receipt slip.

School Photographer

Eamonn Andrews will visit the school on Wednesday 14th September should anyone wish to get their child's photograph taken. Forms will be sent out next week. Class photos will also be taken so it is very important that full school uniform is worn on that day.

Updating Contacts

We are updating our telephone contacts and e-mail addresses at the moment. If you have changed numbers, please notify reception immediately to ensure effective communication between us. Those nominated by parents as people whom we can contact in the event of an illness or an emergency must be contactable during the school day please. It can be most distressing for children when contact cannot be made in such circumstances.

Homework

I would urge you to start as you mean to continue and check your child's homework diary every night. Only sign off on homework if you are happy it has been completed satisfactorily

New Stop and Drop

Our new Stop and Drop facility is proving to be very successful due to your cooperation and for this we thank you. However a few points still need attention. Please remember that our primary concern is for your child's safety

- It is imperative that everyone drives **to the front door end of the facility before stopping** in so far as possible. Your child should then use the railed pathway to walk back down and enter the school yard. For this system to be successful, we must allow it to flow and drivers must be conscious of the vehicles behind them waiting to enter the stop and drop. Please encourage your child to walk on the inside of the railing.

- Please **do not park your vehicle or leave it unattended** at any time in the stop and drop.

- For your child's safety, please ensure **he/she exits the car on the path side of the stop and drop**. It is extremely dangerous to exit on the other side as cars will be overtaking and might not see a small child

- Please **refrain from parking outside the stop and drop island** as it is a public road and to park on same causes an obstruction.

It is in everybody's interest that our new system continues to be a success and with your continued patience and courtesy, this will become a reality.

School Calendar

The 2016/2017 School Calendar is available to download from our school website and is also in your child's homework journal. Please take a look at the dates for this term.

Numeracy and Literacy Booklets

As we begin a new school year please consult our parent numeracy and literacy booklets for ideas and ways to assist your child with their learning and homework. It is available on our school website under the parents tab.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not allowed in school. Children have the use of the school phone in emergencies.

Should a child have an occasion to bring a phone to school, it must be accompanied by a signed parental note stating the reason for its use. It should be handed up to the class teacher at 9.20 and it will be returned at home time. If a child brings in a phone without parental consent, it will be confiscated and kept in school until parents collect it in person.

Stay Safe Programme

As per our school policy, the stay safe programme is taught in every classroom during September. The programme seeks to enhance children's self-protective skills by participating in lessons on safe and unsafe situations, bullying, inappropriate touch, secrets, telling and stranger danger.

Anti-Bullying

Please view our Anti-Bullying Policy on our school website. We implement regular whole school education and bullying prevention strategies

Headlice

As you have heard in the media, headlice are a constant challenge for schools. It is important that parents check your child's hair regularly and take appropriate action at the earliest possible opportunity.

After-school Activities

Our after school activities will begin again next week after the summer break. You will receive a schedule for this term.

I look forward to liaising with you all during the coming year and if you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Michael Feeney (Principal)