

LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2017



September 2017

Principal:

Mr. Michael Feeney

Deputy Principal:

Ms. Eimear Carroll

Present Staff Allocation

Maura Barry (S.E.T.)
Marion Cahill (1st Class)
Maura Boland (2nd Class)
Maureen Copse (4th Class)
Sinéad Bourke (5th Class)
Sandra Delaney (Sen.Infants)
Marie Blake (S.E.T.)
Helen Mc Inerney (3rdClass)
Edel O' Doherty (6th Class)
Kevin Raftery (Sen.Infants)
Sheena Mc Donald (Jun. Inf)
Shane Mc Grath (S.E.T.)
Eimear Quirke (S.E.T.)
Seán Flannelly (4th Class)
Rachel Leahy (1st 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 2pm 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 brand-

ing e.g Nike, Canterbury etc is not permitted because wearing this type 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. We will continue with our treat day on Fridays with an effort to eliminate sweet treats from Monday to Thursday. Children are requested to take food waste and 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. The BOM earnestly requests your support in this matter.

New S.E.N. Model

There is a new Special Education Model in place this year as per Dept of Ed. Circular. This new model will be needs based as opposed to diagnosis based.

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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 1/09/2017 to the 31/08/2018. Please keep expense receipts in event of accidents. Claim forms are available from the school.

E-Payments

We wish to remind you of our 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.

Parent Portal/ Updating Contacts

The Aladdin Schools Parent portal is available for parents/guardians of children in our school. If you haven't registered for the portal yet, please contact reception and we will send you an e-mail with instructions. Follow these to register on www.aladdin.ie. There is also a link on our school website to the parent portal log in. The purpose of the portal is to strengthen home school partnership. When you log in, you will see all your child's details and you can edit your child's contact details on the system. Homework will be uploaded daily which should prove useful.

School Photographer

Eamonn Andrews will visit the school this Thursday 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.

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. Your child's homework can be viewed on the parent portal.

Stop and Drop

We are very privileged to have a stop and Drop facility in this school. For it to be successful, your cooperation is earnestly requested. Please realise that with a school of our size, it takes time for everyone to exit the premises safely and safety is paramount. On any day within ten minutes 95% of children have gone. Therefore with patience, courtesy and correct use, everything will run smoothly.

- 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 walk inside the railed pathway when entering and exiting the school

Please **do not park your vehicle or leave it unattended** in the stop and drop. Please **refrain from parking outside the stop and drop island** as it is a public road and to park on same causes an obstruction.

- 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 note that at 3pm, 1st and 2nd class pupils will exit through the main door.

School Calendar

The 2017/2018 School Calendar is available to download from our school website. Please take a look at the dates for this term.

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.

Administration of Medicine

Should your child have any medical needs, it is of the utmost importance to inform the school. Please read the relevant policy on our school website

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. These are available on our school website under the parents tab.

Gaeilge

As part of our improvement policy for Gaeilge, the emphasis this year will be on the spoken language. Games are being used in every class to encourage conversational Irish. Please support your child's efforts at home by using the Irish you have yourselves.

Sacraments

Our Sixth class pupils will make their confirmation on Thursday the 19th April. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday the 19th May.

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.

Health Promoting Schools

Last year Lisnagry committed to becoming a Health Promoting School. A number of very successful activities took place including a review of our healthy eating policy, new mental wellbeing initiatives introduced and an activity yard set up. The next priority area of our HPS action plan is to focus on the pupil's social and emotional development. We hope to introduce a Buddy Bench to the play yard along with the Buddy Bench Aware programme to the classes. We hope this will promote positive mental wellbeing, friendship, inclusion and encourage empathy among the children.

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

Congratulations to past pupil Tom Morrissey on captaining the Limerick U-21 team to All-Ireland glory on Saturday. We are very proud of him.

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 Feeny (Principal)