

LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2019



September 2019

Principal:

Mr. Michael Feeney

Deputy Principal:

Ms. Eimear Carroll

Present Staff Allocation

Aoife Conroy (Jun. Inf)
Sandra Delaney (Sen. Infants)
Colette Perrill (Sen. Infants)
Sheena McDonald (1st Class)
Maura Boland (2nd Class)
Kevin Raftery (2nd Class)
Helen Mc Inerney (3rd Class)
Marian Cahill (3rd Class)
Maureen Copse (4th Class)
Seán Flannelly (5th Class)
Edel O' Doherty (6th Class)
Grace Doheny (6th Class)
Marie Blake (S.E.T.)
Eimear Quirke (S.E.T.)
Maura Barry (S.E.T.)
Margot Coghlan/ Mairéad]
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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.

As always, at the beginning of the year, there are a number of items, about which I would like to remind you. Many thanks



in advance to you for co-operating with these guidelines and apologies for the overload of information. School officially starts for all classes at 9.20am so please ensure your child is present on time so as to limit disruption to classes. Roll call is taken in each room at 10:20am 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. Homework is not provided for these un-scheduled holidays.

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. The infants school day ends at 2pm. We respectfully ask all parents to ensure that the children are collected promptly and we would appeal to you to pass on this message to child-minders who may be collecting your child. Infant teachers have assigned duties after 2pm and are not in a position to babysit. Likewise the general school day ends at 3pm and once again we request your co-operation in having children collected promptly. Many thanks in advance for your understanding.

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 the infant classes 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. We request your co-operation in having children collected promptly at home times. If you wish to speak to a teacher concerning your child please make an appointment. In accordance with school policy, you are respectfully asked to make an appointment with the class teacher first before making an appointment to discuss the query with the principal.

School Uniform

Children should be in the full Lisnagry NS school uniform attending school. Clothing with logos or branding 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. Already our lost property section is swelling.

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.

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 1/09/2019 to the 31/08/2020. Please keep expense receipts in event of accidents. Claim forms are available from the school.

Aladdin Connect

Please ensure that you have downloaded the Aladdin Connect App in order to stay informed of school messages. It is important to ensure that your telephone and email contacts are up to date. If you have changed number/email please inform the school office immediately. Class contact sheets (party lists) can now be accessed through Aladdin by going into your child's profile and clicking on "class list" to access privacy options. You then decide what information you wish to share about yourself. This information is only shared between parents of children in your child's class. If you have any problems/queries please contact us.

Emergency Contacts

Those nominated by parents as people whom we can contact in the event of an emergency or illness must be contactable during the school day please. It can be most distressing for children when contact cannot be made in such circumstances.

School Photographer

Eamonn Andrews will visit the school this Wednesday and Thursday 11th and 12th September should anyone wish to get their child's photograph taken. Forms were sent out last week. Class photos will also be taken so it is very important that full school uniform is worn on both these days.

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. Children need plenty of rest after the effort and excitement of a day at school. You should ensure that he/she gets to bed early and a good night sleep.

Stop and Drop

As in previous years, we ask for your co-operation in ensuring the smooth running of our stop and drop facility. Safety as always is our number 1 concern and with this in mind we ask for your patience and courtesy to ensure 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, our 2nd Class B, 3rd Class A and 6th class A pupils will exit through the main door.

School Calendar

The 2019/20 School Calendar is available to download from our school website. Please take a look at the dates for this term. **Please note that our school will be closed on 3rd October to facilitate staff attending a curriculum seminar.**

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.

Sacraments

Our Sixth class pupils will make their confirmation on Sunday 1st March. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday the 16th May.

Mobile Phones

Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones to 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 am and then returned at home time. If a child brings in a phone without consent, it will be confiscated and kept in school until parents collect it in person.

S.P.H.E Policy

As part of two-year SPHE planning, the stay safe programme will be taught in term 2 this year.

Child Protection

The school is obliged to act in accordance with child protection guidelines and procedures introduced by the DES in relation to the welfare of all children. Consequently, if there is a matter of concern in relation to child abuse, we are obliged to report this to the HSE. They will assess the case and provide support for the child. Children First Guidelines may be accessed on www.dcy.gov.ie

After-school Activities Our after school activities will begin again this 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)