## Scoil Lios na Groí

## Lisnagry National School

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Dear Parents,

As we begin another school term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy new year. There are a number of issues which I want to bring to your attention.

- I wish to thank you for your generosity in responding to our St. Vincent DePaul appeal at Christmas. Thanks also for supporting our Christmas concerts in such great numbers. They were a huge success.
- As per our school newsletter, Parent Teacher Meetings have been arranged for Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday January 24<sup>th</sup> from 3 pm to 5 pm. Please check with your child's class teacher regarding a suitable time, (this can be done using your child's homework journal). Parents of children in Junior Infants please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually suitable time. School will end at 2.50 pm on both of these days.
- The Parents Association have organised a meeting for all parents to be held on Monday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm here in the school hall. Dr. Maureen Griffin will address the parents on issues regarding social media, cyber bullying, internet and mobile phone safety. She will also hold workshops during the day with the children from third to sixth class. Dr. Griffin is an expert in this field and in the current climate, such a talk should be of huge benefit to us all. We would urge you all to attend.
- If you have any unwanted books at home which are in good condition and are suitable for the library we would be very grateful if you would donate them to the school.
- Children leaving the school to attend appointments, i.e. dentist, doctor, etc <u>PLEASE NOTE</u> it is necessary to sign your child out of school and if returning to <u>sign your child back in</u>. The <u>Sign In and Out Book is available at Reception</u>. If your child is late for school in the morning it is also necessary that he/she is signed in at Reception. I would also like to remind you that school begins at <u>9.20 am sharp</u> and while the majority of pupils attend on time, there is still room for improvement. Training your child to be punctual is an important life skill. If your child is absent from school for any reason, please write an explanatory note in your child's journal or inform the school directly.
- For the new schedule of After School Activities please see overleaf. *It is very important that you collect your children promptly after these activities have finished.* We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.
- Swimming lessons for First and Second class will commence on Monday next, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Payment for same should be made to your child's class teacher on or before Friday next, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Please remember your swimming gear on Monday morning.
- If your contact details, telephone number, e-mail or address, has changed please inform the school as this information is important for our records.
- This letter has also been sent via e-mail. If you have not received it, please notify the school as we hope to send all further correspondence via e-mail. If you have not already given your e-mail details to the school we would appreciate it if you could do so as soon as possible.
- Please note the following school closures this term: Mid-Term Break February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, (two days).
  March 18<sup>th</sup>, (St. Patricks Day weekend).

Thank you for your co-operation in all of the above.

Yours sincerely.

MICHAEL FEENEY, Principal.