



## Lucan Educate Together Newsletter on October 16th 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The midterm break is fast approaching and no doubt everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved break. Everyone has done exceptionally well in adjusting to the changes in place and keeping a lovely spirit of kindness and good humour, despite the challenges. There has been great learning across the school this week on the theme of 'Well-being'. Our Staff have been using the weaving well-being resource as well as a wonderful padlet of ideas created by Laura to help children to name and deal with their feelings, as well as exploring strategies to relax and unwind. We hope children have shared some of their learning with you. Siobhan has also created a lovely well-being board for Staff which is greatly appreciated by all. That sense of well-being, which is more important now than ever, is created on a daily basis for the children in the school by the wonderful care and support they receive from our dedicated Staff and you as Parents. We are so glad that the schools are continuing to stay open and children are in a consistent routine with their friends, which also has a positive impact on their sense of well-being. Thank you to all for helping us to achieve this.

The celebration of Halloween is always one of the highlights of our school calendar. While we cannot celebrate the event in the traditional way with the Halloween disco or trick or treating, we are making every effort to ensure it is celebrated and fun. A walk around the school this week will bring you into very spooky corridors with the fantastic Halloween displays Staff and children have created to scare the life out of you! There is also the option for children to dress up on Friday October 23rd and we hope many will join in the fun. Homemade costumes are great and give an opportunity for children to be creative with recycled materials. Weather permitting, we will be organizing a parade of classes in their bubbles in the school grounds for some additional fun.

As you may know the government this week has announced that there is are further restrictions on household visits, which it is hoped will have the desired effect in bringing the virus under control . It is essential as we move towards midterm that we continue to display what is best about our school community and comply with Public Health advice .The four symptoms to look out for in your child are:

High temperature of 38 degrees or more.

Shortness of breath

Loss of taste or smell

A new cough

If in any doubt it is best to keep your child out of school and err on the side of caution . Covid telephone consultations with G.P's are free. Please write a note in your child's class journal on his/her return to explain the absence which can then be entered on our Aladdin system. We would appreciate if you are emailing teachers directly or through Seesaw that you do so between 8– 4 p.m.. Teachers will try to respond also to your emails during these hours so that the evening is a time of relaxation for everyone.

- We are working on putting a bank of resources together for children who are absent due to the need to self-isolate but are not necessarily sick. This will be available after midterm and hopefully will be of help to Parents in keeping children in a routine during their absence. There is no expectation for children who are sick that they will engage in school work until they are fully better .

Enrolments for Junior Infants 2021 has started and will continue until November 2nd. Under the new policy , siblings of children already in the school have first priority. It is important if you have a child already in the school and another child due to start that you enrol them a.s.a.p. Full details of our new admissions policy and notice setting out important dates are on our website .



A worry shared is a worry halved. This week we have named some of our worries, wrote them down and put them in the back of the worry lorry. Right now they are on the way to the landfill and hopefully won't be coming back! Let's hope everyone has a relaxing and safe week-end and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Kind regards

Mary