



Lucan Educate Together

Newsletter

September 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our school newsletter! I hope everyone is settled in nicely at this stage and enjoying being back in a good school routine. Everyone is working really hard and it is wonderful to see lots of new friendships emerging in classes. Our welcome back to school assembly last Friday was an opportunity for us to meet and welcome new children to the school as well as acknowledge the fantastic efforts the children are making each day. We have added some of the resources used to our ethos page of the school website. Our world religion for September is Judaism, which children will be learning about over the coming weeks.

This week is national cycling week. The weather has been amazing since we came back and it is great to see so many children walking, cycling and scooting to school. We have loads of bike/scooter parking spaces and it is great to see this recent addition to the school being so widely used so please continue to encourage your child in this regard.

Our PTA had their first meeting of the school term this week. Thanks to all who joined our zoom meeting. It was great to hear from Sarah, our Staff rep on the PTA, news of all the creative events being planned for this term. Your involvement as Parents/Guardians is hugely valued and enriches your child's experience at school, so please join the meetings when you can and contribute your ideas.

Our programme of afterschool events is under consideration by our BOM at the moment and we are awaiting further guidance from public health in relation to how/when we can progress. It is envisaged that we will look at some outdoor afterschool events to begin. More information will follow on this.

There have been some queries from Parents in relation to R.C. religion classes and preparation for sacraments.

Drop-off / Collection Times:

A reminder that children in 2nd, 4th, 6th and Martina's 1st class start at 8.50am and finish at 2.30pm. Children in 3rd, 5th, Outreach and Andrea's 1st class start at 9am and finish at 2.40pm. Senior Infants start at 9.10am and finish at 1.50pm.

From next Monday 20th September, Junior Infants will start at 9.10am and finish at 1.50pm.

A reminder that the playground is for use by our classes during the school day. Children are allowed to use the playground, unless accompanied by their class and teacher during school hours.

If your child is arriving late or needs to be collected early, please come to reception so that they can be signed in or out.

Please return completed Code of Behaviours pledges, Permission Forms and Mobile Phone pledges to your child's teacher as soon as possible. We will be reviewing the code with our classes over the coming weeks .

Booklists are available on our school website. It is important that your child has all the necessary books and stationery so that they are ready for learning and get the best out of their school day . Please ensure if your child is missing any of the essential items that you get them as soon as possible .

Pupil Personal Insurance:

You will have received details of the PPI scheme .

A reminder that the application **will not be accepted** unless **both the completed form and the €9 fee** have been provided. The closing date for receipt of both the fee and form is **Friday 24th September** and it will be strictly adhered to.

Birthdays / Celebrations:

We would ask that no birthday invitations are given out in the classroom or before or after school . This can cause upset for some children . We appreciate the gesture of goodwill intended in sending in cakes /party bags etc. for children in classes to share a celebration but we are unable to accept these in classrooms for health and safety reasons.

County Photos:

County Photos will be taking pictures of our junior and senior infants next Friday—24th September 2021. We will be sending out information to relevant parents this week regarding ordering and payment.

Online Safety:

Healthy online behaviour is very important and a reminder that there are a number of websites that provide excellent support and resources for parents and children, such as Webwise, Healthy Ireland, Media Literacy Ireland and Be Safe Online. We will be addressing this issue with classes over the coming months .

HSE Dentist:

There is a HSE dentist located in Lucan Village, providing a free dental service to primary school children. For additional information regarding their emergency hours or to arrange an appointment, please contact (01) 6100024.

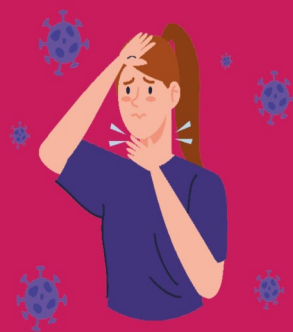
Whilst we continuing to hear positive news from the DES and HSE, we do know that Covid-19 is very active still in the community. Please do not send your child to school if they have even one of the symptoms of Covid-19. Please note that if your child displays any of the symptoms as outlined below, they will be sent home.

Advice for parents during Covid-19:

Symptoms to look out for

If your child has any of the following symptoms of Covid-19, do not send them to school and contact your GP:

- A temperature of 38 degrees Celcius or more
- A new cough
- Loss or changed sense of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or an existing breathing condition that has become worse
- Fatigue
- Aches or pains
- Sore throats
- Headaches
- Diarrhoea
- Runny or stuff nose
- Feeling sick or vomiting



For more see gov.ie/backtoschool



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Our display on Friendship for September

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support .

Kind regards, Mary and Staff .