



Lucan Educate Together

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians .

Welcome to the new week at school . We hope you enjoyed the weekend and the unseasonably warm weather we have been having in recent days ! In this newsletter you will find information on Science week at LETS, arrangements for our Parent / Teacher meetings , notice of early School closure on November 25th ,among other items of news.

Science Week is a week-long event in Ireland each November, celebrating science in our everyday lives. We will be celebrating the week with a variety of science activities to promote children's interest and enthusiasm in this important curricular area. The theme this year is 'Infinite possibilities as we look to the future. We are encouraging children to participate in a 'Design your school of the future' construction competition , which will be completed at home . Please see details of competition attached . Teachers/ Parents and children all had to adapt to new ways of learning and interacting with each other during the recent pandemic . We would like to get children thinking about what our schools of the future will look like .We look forward to seeing the wonderful creativity and imagination of our children expressed in their projects . All projects will be exhibited in the school library on Thursday afternoon and classes will have an opportunity to visit on Friday . You are welcome to come in on Friday from 2p.m. to view projects.We thank you in advance for your support and encouragement of your child's efforts to participate in creating their own unique project.

Early Closure on Friday November 25th

The school will close early on Friday November 25th for Staff webinar on Primary Language Curriculum . Junior and Senior Infant children and Sheena's class will go home at 12.00 p.m. All other classes will go home at 12.15 p.m. Many thanks for your support .

It is with a great sense of loss that we announce that Ian Scott will be retiring from his teaching career and role as Deputy Principal on December 2nd 2022. It is difficult if not impossible to sum up Ian's contribution over 20 years of dedicated service to our school community . Ian spent most of his teaching years in the school in our Outreach classes and more recently , he has worked in mainstream as part of the Special Education Team . His knowledge, expertise and experience, particularly in the area of special education, will always be valued and remembered by individual children and their families . Ian has also been a very supportive and caring Staff member with a unique combination of wisdom and empathy . As Principal , I have been very privileged to work so closely with Ian over the years and to have gained so much from his experience and knowledge. It has been a pleasure to work with Ian and he will be sadly missed by us all . We wish him the very best of luck and happiness in his retirement and thank him sincerely for all he has shared with us.

Parent –Teacher meetings

We are delighted to welcome you back to the school this year for our Parent/Teacher meetings which will take place on week commencing November 21st .

Most meetings will take place on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd , but there are other options available for some class teachers . In order to allocate Parent/ Teacher meetings slots that are convenient for you , we will be using the Connect App on Aladdin , which will allow you to self-schedule your meeting. Options for meetings days and times will be immediately obvious when you open the app on your device.

The school will close early on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd to facilitate the meetings as follows :

Junior and Senior Infants (1.30 p.m. normal time)

First to Sixth, Sheena and Anna's (2.10 p.m.)

Release of schedules will be staggered as follow ,

At 3 p.m. today, Parents with three or more children will be able to schedule their meetings on the app . The app will not allow you to schedule meetings one after the other, to allow for overruns etc. There must be a 20 minute gap between each meeting

From 9.a.m. tomorrow Tuesday Parents with 2 children will be able to schedule meetings

From 12.00 tomorrow all other Parents will be able to schedule their meeting. The Special Education team will make their own arrangements to schedule meetings with Parents/Guardians where relevant.

We look forward to discussing with you, your child's progress and how we can continue to work together to ensure the best possible educational outcomes for your child. We hope that all Parents will take the opportunity to attend the Parent / Teacher meetings in person. Should you not be able to attend a meeting on the designated dates, please contact your child's teacher by email or a note in your child's journal. Class teachers will do their best to offer you an alternative time which is convenient for you. We look forward to meeting you over Parent / Teacher days .

We welcome Louise Smithers who has joined our Staff as an SNA . We wish Louise the best of luck and every happiness in her new role . Louise will be supporting children in different classes throughout the school .

Winter Cards.

A reminder that consent forms for your child's participation in the winter cards project are due back tomorrow. Children will be designing their cards in class Tues/Wed . If your child is not in school this week and you would like them to take part , please get in contact with Barbara to pick up a template from the office which can be designed by your child at home

I came across a song at the weekend which you may be interested in listening to in your own time . It is called Shaney Boy and is written by an Australian singer called Kevin Johnson . In it , he is watching his young son Shaney growing up and traces his day from morning to night . He finishes up with the lyrics ' little boys (and I include Little girls) don't stay little for long' The gifts we give them today are gifts for life . Everything we do to support our children is so important . Thank you for your wonderful support for your child/children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioCo4mol6Fo>

All good wishes for the week ahead,

Kind regards,

Mary

