

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dates for Diary

Thursday 14th September:

School Photographer

Welcome

We extend a really warm welcome to 15 new Junior Infants. We look forward to getting to know the boys and their families in the coming weeks. There will be a welcome and information evening for parents/guardians of this group and more information will follow.

Book Rental

There is no bill for book rental this year. We have received funding from the Department of Education (DE) to cover the cost of books, workbooks and copybooks. There is a charge of €10 per child to cover the cost of school diary, photocopying, printing, laminating and art materials. Please bring this money to the class teacher by Wednesday 13th. Thank you.

Primary Planet: Fifth and sixth classes will use Primary Planet magazine again this year.

There is a cost of €10 for the first five monthly magazines (September to January). Please bring this money to the class teacher by Wednesday 13th. Thank you.

Staffing

We wish Ms. Deborah McGettigan well as she goes on a career break. Ms. Kathleen Gallagher is now a permanent member of staff. Mr. Philip Cuffe (fourth class teacher) is in our school for the year on a fixed term basis. We welcome back Mrs. Nora Allen as a part time Special Education Teacher (SET). We welcome back all our staff and we look forward to working together in the coming year.

School Photographer

The photographer will visit the school on **Thursday 14th September**. Please make sure your child wears the correct uniform on that day (wine jumper, grey trousers, etc.) as there will be group photos of some of the classes.

Safety entering and leaving the school

Please make sure you enter and leave the school grounds safely. Children should enter and exit the pedestrian gate nearest to car/home. **In the interest of safety, no-one should walk past main vehicle entrance or through the car park.**

You are kindly requested not to drive into the school carpark. A small number of families are permitted to drive in. Please speak to Anne McLaughlin, Principal if you need to drive into the grounds.

Morning Arrivals

Children should arrive at the school between 9:10 and 9:20 am and are supervised at this time. The bell rings at 9:20 and children enter the school. Thank you for your co-operation. The Breakfast Club is available from 8:30 am and is available for all pupils.

Good Luck

Good luck to last year's sixth class who have now started secondary school. We wish the boys every happiness and success in Carndonagh Community School.

Report from Board of Management

The Board of Management has completed a lot of work in the school over the summer. Deep cleaning was carried out throughout the school. The main corridor and two classrooms were painted.

An application has been submitted to DE for emergency works to our roof.

HSCL

Welcome back to our new academic school year of teaching here in St. Patrick's Boys' School. My name is Sinéad McLaughlin and I am the HSCL (Home School Community Liaison) co-ordinator. My role is to work in partnership with you the parents, teachers and local community organisations by listening, encouraging, supporting and offering suggestions on how you can support your children in achieving positive educational outcome. I will also be offering courses for parents throughout the year and will hopefully have many of you on board to help with school activities.

A walking group starts on Monday 11th September from St. Patrick's Boys' N.S. at 9.30am. It's a gentle 2km walk to ease us in. Parents, grandparents, childminders and buggies welcome! A great way to meet other parents, share and get advice.

Thank you to the families who welcomed me into their homes recently as part of my home visits. It was lovely to meet you and I will be continuing with these visits going forward.

Home visits take up roughly 30% of my weekly time. Sinéad McLaughlin 0862383847 @Carnhscl on Instagram carnhscl@gmail.com

SPORT

Junior and Senior Infants are currently doing **Active Play** with Cathal Doherty. This is funded by Spraoi & Sport. Fifth and sixth class boys have started **swimming** lessons in Templemore Sports Complex. They will have a total of five lessons. **Athletics** trials are currently taking place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for U9, U11 and U13. The 6-a-side **soccer** league will begin on the last week in September. Senior boys have begun a "**Last Boy Standing**" competition where the winner will receive a prize.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all the winners in the Inishowen Agricultural Show. The winners were:

Junior Infants - 2nd prize:	Joseph Doherty
Senior infants - 3rd prize:	Connor Mc Candless
1st class - 3rd prize:	Connor Mc Laughlin
3rd class - 1st prize:	Connor Canny
4th class - 3rd prize:	Shane Diver
6th class - 2nd prize:	Kirill Ovcharov

(Please note these were last year's classes.)

Congratulations also to Ciarán McCool, now in fifth class who was the lucky winner of an iPad last June. The prize was donated by Village Kitchen Catering, our food providers.

The Board of Management and staff look forward to a happy and productive year working together for the benefit of our pupils and families.