



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dates for Diary

16 th September	School Photographer
24 th September	School closed (Staff Training)

Welcome

We extend a really warm welcome to 27 new Junior Infants (12 boys and 15 girls). We look forward to getting to know the boys and girls and their families in the coming weeks. We are delighted to welcome two new children to our Autism Class also and look forward to including them in all our activities.

We have welcomed three additional pupils throughout the school and we wish them every happiness and success.

Welcome Evening

A welcome evening for parents/guardians of Junior Infants has been arranged for the evening of 15th September when Mrs. Devlin, the class teacher will talk to parents about the programme of work and activities in the Junior Infants class. Information will be issued separately to this group.

School Closure

The school will close for pupils on Thursday 24th September as all staff will receive training on Child Protection.

Parents' Association AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Parents' Association will be held in the school at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 22nd September. A separate letter will be issued soon by the outgoing committee.

School Photographer

The school photographer has been arranged for Wednesday 16th September. Families may attend from 9:30 am and everyone is welcome. The photographer will issue proofs from which you may order your photos.

Book Rental

We have received funding from the Department of Education & Youth to cover the cost of books, workbooks and copybooks again this year. There is a charge of €10 per child to cover the cost of school diary, photocopying, printing, laminating and art materials. Fifth & Sixth Class pupils are asked for a contribution of €20 as this will include the cost of Primary Planet magazine. Please bring this money to the class teacher by Friday 11th September. Thank you.

Staffing

We wish Dr. Deborah McGettigan well as she has resigned from our school to embark on a new career as an Educational Psychologist, having completed a PhD recently. We wish her much success.

Congratulations to Ms. Michaela Lynch Grant on her appointment as a permanent teacher; to Ms. Claire Thompson who takes up a fixed term teaching position and to Ronan McCusker who has been appointed as a permanent SNA. Best wishes also to Philip Cuffe who is on career break for another year.

Mrs. Nora Allen is job-sharing with Mrs. Maria Glackin again this year. We wish both teachers every success in their job-share.

Hot Lunches

Our hot lunches are now provided by Lafferty's shop in Malin. Please place your orders online. If you need any support with this, please contact Ms. Sinead McLaughlin HSCL.

Please note that if you have not ordered food, it is essential to send lunch in for your child.

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 interests 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 (unless you have prior permission). This also includes early morning arrivals for Breakfast Club and After-school Clubs.

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. If children need to be dropped off before this time, please avail of the Breakfast Club. Thank you for your co-operation.

Before and After-School Provision

Spraoi & Sport now provide before and after-school care for pupils, on the school premises. Breakfast Club is available from 8:00 to 9:20 am. After-school provision is available from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm. This is a wonderful service for our parents and children and we are delighted to have it in our school. All enquiries should be directed to Spraoi & Sport.

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 will meet early in September. We have received funding for the replacement of the flat roof and hope to have work completed on this soon. The outside wall was painted during the summer.

Inishowen Agricultural Show Winners

Congratulations to all the winners in the Inishowen Agricultural Show.

Senior Infants	1st prize	Padraig Donaghy
First Class	2nd prize	Eoin McLaughlin
Third Class	2nd prize	Connor McCandless
Fourth Class	3rd prize	Dylan Canny

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

HSCL News

Welcome back to our new academic school year in Scoil Naomh Pádraig. 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 outcomes. 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.

I look forward to visiting many of you in your homes. Home visits take up approximately 30% of my weekly time.

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Sport

Swimming: Fifth & sixth classes start their swimming lessons this Monday, 7th September. A block of six lessons has been organised costing €5 per lesson (this includes the cost of the bus). Children may pay per week or pay the full amount of €30 at the start. (Money will be refunded if lessons are missed for any reason).

Games & Ball Skills: John Gibbons is delivering this programme to children in the middle classes and this will start next week.

The Board of Management, Principal and Staff look forward to a happy and productive year working together for the benefit of our children and families.