

Ar scáth a chéile a mhairimid



Scoil an Linbh Íosa

Newsletter : September 2018

Dia dhaoibh go léir.

Tá súil agam gur bhain sibh an-taitneamh as na laethanta saoire agus go raibh craic is spraoi ag cách. Agus tá súil agam freisin go bhfuil gach duine réidh don bhliain nua.

I hope that everyone had a lovely summer. The weather was great, so I trust that you all got out and about in the sunshine and had lots of fun.

I would like to begin by welcoming our new Junior Infants. They seem to have settled in very well. I hope that they will be very happy with us here in Scoil an Linbh Íosa. Throughout the school there are a number of other new children. They join us from near (Clane and Rathcoffey) and far (Tipperary) and even farther (South Africa and Dubai). They are all very welcome and I hope that they too will enjoy their time with us here in Prosperous. Tá fáilte romhaimh go dtí An Chorrchoill.

We have no new faces on the teaching staff this year. But we are delighted to welcome back Zara Dunne. We're glad she missed us enough to return. We welcome John Farrelly and Ciara Doyle to the SNA team. We wish Sally Nicholas all the best as she goes home to teach in her native Clare. We also wish Aisling Farrelly every success as she begins her teaching career in Straffan. Go n-eiri and bothar leo go léir.

And so we are off to a FRESH start, with lovely new carpets in the corridors, plans to erect outdoor basketball posts and hopes of getting the Garden Project started. We look forward to a year full of joy and excitement in learning, with you by our sides - all for the benefit of the children. I am sure the partnership between home and school will continue and grow throughout the coming year.

One way to be actively involved in the development of the school is to join the PTA. The AGM will take place in the school on Wednesday September 26th. Rosarii McKennedy gave many years of service to the school through the PTA and the Board of Management. As her youngest son has now moved on to Secondary School, Rosarii has stepped down. May I take this opportunity to thank Rosarii for all she has done so well and so willingly over the years. At the AGM, a person to replace Rosarii as the parent representative on the Board, will be selected. So come along and get involved in your child's school.

May I wish the children, staff and parents of our school community a pleasant and fulfilling year in Scoil an Linbh Íosa.

Go raibh maith agaibh go léir.

Slán agus Beannacht.

Geraldine Hetherton

Principal

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We are delighted to offer a range of activities to the children of Prosperous. Some are free and some entail a fee. Due to **Health and Safety** issues all children taking part in After School Activities must have **24 Hour School Insurance**. Forms are available from the Admin Office. The closing date for receipt of the Insurance forms is **Friday September 21st**. If you have any difficulty with this please contact the school.

Term 1

Day	Activity	Location	Time	Class
Monday	*Art	Room 10	3pm – 4:30pm	1 st – 3 rd
	*Art & Cooking	Room 15	3pm – 4:30pm	4 th – 6 th
	U11 Football	Schools Astro	3pm – 4pm	5 th & 6 th
	*Zumba Kids	Central Activities Area	3pm – 4pm	Infants – 2nd
Tuesday	*Keyboard	SEN Room	2pm – 3pm	Jnr & Snr Infants
	*Keyboard	SEN Room	3pm – 4pm	1 st to 6 th
Wednesday	Choir	Room 3	3pm – 3:45pm	3 rd – 5 th
	*Playball	Hall	2pm – 3pm	Jnr & Snr Infants
	*Playball	Hall	3pm – 4pm	1 st & 2 nd
	Soccer	Astro	3pm - 4pm	5 th & 6 th
	*Tin Whistle	Room 12	3pm - 3:45pm	3 rd – 6 th
Thursday	Book club	Library	8:30am	3 rd – 6 th
	Basketball	Hall	3pm – 4pm	5 th & 6 th

Ukulele lessons will commence later in the term – on Thursdays. This class will have limited places. The ukuleles will be available to rent from the school.

**Charges do apply to these activities*

SCHOOL CALENDAR

School Closures	
Friday October 26 th	Presidential Election
Monday October 29 th to Friday November 2 nd <i>*School re-opens on Monday November 5th</i>	Halloween Mid Term Break
Monday December 24 th to Friday January 4 th <i>*School closes at 12 noon on Friday December 21st</i> <i>*School re-opens on Monday January 7th</i>	Christmas Holidays
Monday 18 th to Friday 22 nd of February <i>* School re-opens on Monday February 25th</i>	Spring Mid Term
Monday March 18 th	St Patrick's Day Bank Holiday
Monday April 15 th to Friday April 26 th <i>*School closes at 12 noon on Friday April 12th</i> <i>*School re-opens on Monday April 29th</i>	Easter Holidays
Monday May 6 th	May Bank Holiday
Thursday March 14 th	Confirmation
Monday June 3 rd and Tuesday June 4 th	June Bank Holiday
Friday June 28 th <i>*School closes at 12 noon</i>	Last Day of Term

Further closures may become necessary.

<p>Holy Communion Photos</p> <p>If you would like the Class Photo from the First Communion in May 2018 please contact Fran Byrne 087 6785261.</p>	<p>Swimming</p> <p>Our main classes will not be going swimming until January, due to booking arrangements at K Leisure. We are very disappointed, but this is beyond our control.</p>
<p>Parking</p> <p>We encourage the children to walk or cycle to school whenever possible. They may walk from the church or the Spar or indeed Goretti Terrace. This would help alleviate the congestion in front of the school. If you drop the children off at the school please do not park in the bus bay. This is reserved for the playschools.</p>	<p>Toys and Uniforms</p> <p>Thank you to all those who have donated toys and uniforms to the school. The toys permit us to offer our Infants a more enriched experience to during Aistear sessions.</p> <p>We would be delighted to accept any <i>lego</i> that you are willing to part with.</p> <p>The uniforms have found good homes. <i>Thanks.</i></p>
<p>Guitar</p> <p>Don Nea will be doing 10 weeks of guitar lessons with 4th class this term. We are extremely grateful to the PTA for funding these lessons. Because we have 3 classes this year the €840 is very much appreciated. As a result of this introduction quite a number of children have taken up the guitar. This could be the beginning of an illustrious musical career!</p>	<p>Basketball Fund</p> <p>The Hit the Block in June was both poignant, as we were joined by Ms Casey's husband and parents, and joyous, as it was a glorious sunny day. Our target was €3,500 and I am delighted to announce that, with your generosity, including a substantial contribution from <i>Crystal Air</i>, we have reached our target. We hope to erect the Basketball posts shortly. <i>Go raibh maith agaibh.</i></p>
<p>Book Savings Club</p> <p>The PTA organise a Savings club in the school on the first Friday of each month. This is an opportunity to make regular savings which can come in very handy when booklists arrive home in June.</p>	<p>School Insurance</p> <p>Please note that the children need to have 24 Hour School Insurance to take part in After School activities. Forms are available from the Admin Office. Closing date is September 21st.</p>
<p>Tricycle</p> <p>We are trying to source an old-fashioned tricycle, big enough for a 10 year old child. Such a tricycle would offer greater stability to children with coordination difficulties. So you might have a look at the back of your shed please – you never know what you might find!</p>	<p>Contribution</p> <p>Thank you for your contributions towards materials and resources in the school. We are happy to facilitate payment in instalments, as we understand families have a lot of financial outlays at this time. Please talk to us if you have any concerns around this matter.</p>
<p>Book Club Sept-Oct 2018</p> <p>61 pupils have joined our early morning book clubs, this is the largest single interest group in the school. Great to see such an interest on reading. Books will be supplied and we will meet in mid September. Many thanks to the teachers who have volunteered to lead the clubs.</p>	<p>Reminder</p> <p>The AGM of the PTA will take place in the school on Wednesday 26th at 8pm. The election of the Parent representative on the Board of Management will take place at this meeting. We hope for a big turn out on the night.</p>
<p>Hub Caps</p> <p>If you have any spare random hub caps could you please drop them in to the office. We have an idea for our car park wall. All to be revealed!</p>	<p>Keep up to date</p> <p>You can keep up to date with the various activities in the school through our website: www.prosperousns.ie or facebook: 'Scoil an Linbh Íosa'</p>

Here's to a happy and healthy year ahead for all of us.