Scoil an Linbh Íosa

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Dia dhaoibh go léir,

Is mór on onóir domsa bheith ag scríobh chugaibh mar phríomhoide Scoil an Linbh Íosa. Ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh chách ar scoil agus tá súil agam go mbeidh blian sár-mhaith againn le chéile.

It is indeed a great honour for me to be writing to you for the first time as Principal of Scoil an Linbh Íosa. There is a long tradition of providing excellent education to the children of Prosperous. I hope to add to the legacy of my predecessors, most recently Mary Kavanagh, and lead our school in the next chapter of its history.

I extend a warm welcome to all the students, staff and parents in our school community. A very special Fáilte goes to our Junior Infants classes and to the new students joining us for the first time this year. I wish them every joy and happiness throughout their time with us. We also have three new teachers this term – Mr Geaney, Ms Dunne and Ms Cunniffe. May Scoil an Linbh Íosa offer them valuable experiences, rewarding friendships and fond memories. Fáilte romhaibh go dtí An Chorrchoill.

We are delighted to welcome back an *old* friend of the school. Gerry Mullins has rejoined the staff, this time as caretaker. Gerry has been busy hanging notice boards, potting plants and clipping hedges – and a lot more besides. We wish him many happy, helpful years with us. Gerry has big shoes to fill. Ben McGrath took great care of the school for the past eleven years. Indeed he took great care of all of us. We miss his good humour about the place. He has earned his rest and we wish him years and years of contentment in his retirement.

Education is a partnership between home and school. Communication is key the success of that partnership. The staff in Scoil an Linbh Íosa and myself look forward to working closely with you this year. Please let us know if you have any concerns so that together we can find solutions.

I will finish with a quote which applies as much to staff as to parents:

Live so that when your children think of Fairness, Caring and Integrity

They think of you.

Go raibh maith agaibh go léir.

Slán agus Beannacht.

Geraldine Hetherton

AGM of PTA and election of parent to Board of Management (28th Sept)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The AGM of the Parents Association will be held in the school on September 28th @ 8:30pm. Attendance at the AGM is very important as a male Parent Nominee will be selected to replace Brendan Nolan on the Board of Management. Brendan's children have all now graduated from Scoil an Linbh Íosa and he is therefore no longer eligible to sit on the Board. On behalf of the parents and the Board we wish to thank Brendan for his service and commitment to the school.

If you, as a father, wish to be nominated to the Board of Management it is necessary that you attend this meeting. It is also advisable that there is someone there to nominate you and another to second the nomination.

A ballot will be held, at the meeting, to elect the nominee. If there is only one nominee, they shall be deemed elected. If there is more than one nominee, a secret ballot shall be held at the meeting.

The AGM also offers an opportunity to meet other parents and to be updated on the work of the PTA.

We look forward to seeing a big turn out on the night.

Yours sincerely,

PTA.

Thank You

On behalf of the school we would like to thank the PTA for their commitment and dedication to the school. Many of the initiatives that we undertake, in the school, are made possible because of the support of the PTA. Their contribution to policies and decisions made is also invaluable and, at the monthly meetings, there is a great sharing of ideas and opinions between the teachers and parents. Team Work at its best.

We hope to see all the familiar faces back again when the new PTA sits for its first meeting in October.

Two faces we won't see again are Geraldine Nolan and Lorraine Keane as their children have now all moved on. Between them they have clocked up almost 30 years on the PTA. Their dedication and hard work has not gone unnoticed. You will be missed. On behalf of the school community – Thank You.

Calendar - Please note:

The school will close at 12 o'clock on Wednesday 5th October to facilitate teacher inservice. (Religion Programme 'Grow in Love.')

The Lenister Leader will be in the school on Monday 19th September to take photographs of Junior Infants.

Contact Details

Please let the office know if there have been any changes to your contact details – address/ telephone number/ e mail.

It is essential that we have up to date details for every child.

School Insurance

The closing date for School Insurance is Wednesday –Sept 28th. Many parents have found this insurance to be invaluable.

Thanks to the PTA who facilitate this.

Sundries

Thank you to all who have paid their sundries.

It would be great if the remainder could be paid in the coming weeks. As always, please talk to us if you have any difficulties with this.