

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates –

### **Green Schools Committee**

Our Green Schools committee and Ms. Rooney enjoyed a very constructive meeting with Malcolm Noonan on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of December.

Chiara from Green Schools will do a quiz with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of December.

### **Christmas Raffle Cards**

Thanks to all who sponsored prizes for our Christmas Raffle fundraiser. All families are encouraged to support this school fundraiser.

### **Book Club**

Book Club opportunities will be made available to 1st to 6th Class students. The next Book Club gathering will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of December at big break in the school hall.

### **Hot Lunch Scheme**

Fresh Today will not be supplying hot lunches on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of December. Families will need to send in a small snack for little break.

### **Christmas Quiz**

Christmas quiz for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of December.

### **Santa Stroll**

Santa stroll for all classes will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of December.

### **WOW Day**

Christmas walk on Wednesday takes place on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December.

### **Christmas Jumpers**

Pupils can feel free to wear Christmas jumpers from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of December.

### **Homework before Christmas Break**

There will be no homework given between Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of December.

### **Swimming / Aquatics**

2<sup>nd</sup> class swimming lessons will begin in mid-January.

### **Gaelic Football**

Well done to our 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class boys on a super performance and a big win in the Roinn B final vs Rower Inistioge.

### **Presentation of Medals**

Killian Doyle will present Gaelic football medals to 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class footballers in the school hall on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 9:15am.

## **Tips to Promote Maths at Home**

Our school website [www.urlingfordns.com](http://www.urlingfordns.com) now has a page which gives suggestions on how to promote Maths at home.

## **Mandatory School Closure Days**

School will be closed on Fridays 13th of March and 5th of June for pupils to facilitate new Primary Curriculum Framework Training for Teachers in Kilkenny Education Centre.

## **Pre School Supervision**

Pre School Supervision by designated school staff will be in operation between 8.45am and 9am. No pupils should be dropped off at school before 8.45am. Designated members of staff will be present at front and back of school to supervise pupils between 8.45 and 9am. Between 8.45am and 9am pupils should enter through school entrance gates promptly and make their way to their class line at the back of the school.

## **Up to date Contact Details**

All families are asked to ensure that our school has up to date mobile phone numbers and email addresses as necessary so as our school can communicate suitably with all Parents/Guardians. Contact details can be changed by using the Aladdin app or by calling or emailing Mary or Aimee in the School Office. The school phone number is 056 8831512. School email address is [urlingfordns2020@gmail.com](mailto:urlingfordns2020@gmail.com)

## **Appointments Procedure**

Any Parent/Guardian who is requesting to speak with a member of staff should do so through the school office. A convenient time which suits both staff member and Parent/Guardian will then be arranged.

## **Complaints Procedures**

Please find a copy of the school complaints procedure attached below.

## **Allergies/Medication**

We ask the families of any pupils with allergies or specific medical requirements to please inform school staff so that pupils can be catered for suitably in school.

## **Music Generation Tin Whistle Lessons – 3rd to 6th Class (22 weeks)**

Music Generation tin whistle lessons by Paula Dowling started on Tuesday 4th of November and will finish on Tuesday 19th of May. All 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils will need to bring in their tin whistles on Tuesdays.

## **Work Experience Requests**

Any past pupils of our school who would like to undertake T.Y., LCVP, SNA or Student Teacher work Experience in Urlingford N.S. are asked to email/post a letter to our school explaining why they would like to undertake work experience in an educational facility. The earlier we receive work experience requests the better. Our school receives a lot of work experience requests each year, early notice will better allow our school to provide a meaningful work experience slot to anyone interested in following education as a career choice.

## **School Photos**

Any family who does not want their child or children to be included in Class photos during school activities is asking to email the school at [urlingfordns2020@gmail.com](mailto:urlingfordns2020@gmail.com) for the attention of the relevant class teacher. Our school has a school website and Instagram page to help publicise school activities and pupil's achievements.

## **Internet Safety**

An internet Safety Talk for 4th – 6th Classes and Parents will take place on 26th of February 2026.

## **Stay Safe**

Mandatory stay safe SPHE lessons for all classes will be taught in January and February. An email regarding stay safe will be sent out to parents in advance.

## **Cycling**

Cycling lessons for 6<sup>th</sup> class will start on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of January. Permission slips will need to be returned before this date.

Thanks to all for your support and have a good weekend.

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