

Urlingford NS Parent/Guardian Email – Friday 17th of October 2025

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates –

Parents Association Meeting

Our schools next Parents Association Meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd of October at 7.30pm in School Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Used Clothes Collection

Our school will have a Used Clothes Collection on Friday 24th of October. Black Sacks can be dropped to staff at school gate on Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th between 8.45 and 9am.

Hot Lunch Scheme

All families are reminded to log on to Fresh Today website using their log in details on Thursdays in advance of the week ahead to order their child's preferred lunch selection for the following week. Families will need to send a small snack with their child for little break. Hot Lunches will be distributed to classrooms between 12.15 and 12.30pm. Any queries re hot lunches should be emailed to kilkenny@freshtoday.ie.

An email has been sent to all families regarding Fresh Today upgrading their system. Please read this and follow the instructions.

Swimming / Aquatics

3rd and 4th class have 1 more Swimming Wednesday.
5th and 5th Class will attend Swimming between Halloween and Christmas on Wednesdays.

Green Schools

Start of Car idling Campaign on Monday 3rd of November.
Walkability Audit with Ciara Hanrahan on Tuesday 25th of November.
Travel Workshop with Senior Classes by Ciara Hanrahan.

Boys and Girls Gaelic Football

Training continues on Mondays and Wednesdays at big break. The last round of the league for the boys is vs St. Johns on Wednesday 22nd of October. The girls may have a knockout quarter final next week.

Tips to Promote Maths at Home

Our school website www.urlingfordns.com now has a page which gives suggestions on how to promote Maths at home.

Trick or Treat for Temple Street

Next Friday, 24th of October, pupils will be dressing up in their favourite Halloween costumes to support the Trick or Treat for Temple Street fundraiser. We are asking for a small donation of €2 per pupil or €5 per family. All proceeds will go to help children in Children's Health Ireland Hospitals.

Pupils using School Pitch

Pupils using School Pitch at break time and during Sports Coaching during the Winter months must wear boots or old runners.

Mandatory School Closure Days

School will be closed for pupils on Wednesday 12th of November – School staff must attend Kilkenny Education Centre for Child Protection Training.

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 Center.

Flu Vaccine

All pupils and staff in our school will receive the opportunity to receive the Flu Vaccine in our school on Thursday 23rd of October. Murphys Pharmacy in Urlingford will be making this opportunity available. Completed Flu Vaccine Forms must be returned by today, Friday 17th of October.

Whole School Fire Drill

Our schools next Whole School Fire Drill will take place on Thursday 6th of November at 10.30am.

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 Aladdin app or by calling or emailing Mary or Aimee in School Office. School phone number is 056 8831512. School email address is 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.

Allergies/Medication

We ask the families of any pupils with allergies or specific medical requirements to please inform school staff so as 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 will start on Tuesday 4th of November and finish on Tuesday 18th of May. All 3rd to 6th class pupils should ensure to have a tin whistle in the key of D for the 4th of November. Tin whistles are available from the school office for €8.

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.

Homework

Homework is an important link between school and home. All Parents/Guardians are asked to check and sign their child's homework daily. If for any reason pupils are unable to complete homework assigned by class teacher - Parent/Guardian should write a quick note to explain reason for incomplete homework.

Families are asked to sign and check Test Copies when sent home for viewing.

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 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.

Healthy Snack for Little Break

We do not allow certain items to be brought as part of pupils lunches. Recommended healthy snacks include juice drinks, yoghurt drinks, sandwiches, fruit, cheese, scones, crackers, rice cakes.

Items that are not allowed include fizzy drinks, sweets, chocolate, buns, biscuits, bars, peanuts, crisps and chocolate rice cakes.

Student Council Meeting

Our newly formed Student Council will meet again on Tuesday 21st of October in school Hall at 12.35pm.

Games Development Officer Visit

Kilkenny GDO Nathan Culleton will visit our school again on Tuesday 11th of November and Tuesday 2nd of December to deliver hurling coaching to 3rd and 4th class. 3rd and 4th class will need hurling gear on the above dates.

William Kinsella FAI Soccer Coach

FAI Soccer Coach will visit our school again on Thursday 23rd of October for lessons with 5th and 6th class.

Halloween Quiz

5th and 6th class will participate in a Halloween quiz on Friday 24th of October at 11.05 in the school hall.

Shoebox Appeal

The deadline for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal is Monday 10th of November at 9.15am.

Standardised Tests

Pupils in 1st to 6th class will undertake literacy standardised tests before the Halloween break. Standardised test scores will be communicated to parents/guardians at the parent/teacher meetings.

Jumble Sale, Coffee Morning and Christmas Carol Service

Parents association coffee morning and 5th/6th class jumble sale will take place on Friday 5th of December.

Christmas Carol service for the whole school will take place on Friday 12th of December at 9.30am in Urlingford Church.

Thanks all. Enjoy the weekend.

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