

## **Urlingford NS Parent/Guardian Email – Friday 14th of November 2025**

Hi All,

Please read the following school updates –

### **Malcolm Noonan Visit**

Malcolm Noonan will visit our school to meet Ms. Rooney and our Green Schools Committee on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of December at 1:15pm to discuss all matters green schools and travel.

### **HSE Vision and Hearing Nurses**

Nurses will visit our school on Friday 28th of November at 9am.

### **Book Club**

Book Club opportunities for 1st to 6th Class will be made available to 1st to 6th Class students. The next Book Club gathering will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of November at big break in the school hall.

### **Hot Lunch Scheme**

Please remember to update your app following on from the Fresh Today upgrade. New activation codes have been given to pupils. 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](mailto:kilkenny@freshtoday.ie).

### **Christmas Annuals**

Christmas annuals are available to order through the school office using the order forms that were sent home with pupils yesterday. The cost for the annuals is €5. The deadline for ordering is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of November.

### **Christmas Cards**

The deadline for the Design-A-Card Christmas cards has been extended to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of November.

### **Swimming / Aquatics**

5th and 5th Class will attend Swimming between Halloween and Christmas on Wednesdays. Swimming expenses should be paid a.s.a.p. on Aladdin Payment Portal. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes 6<sup>th</sup> week of swimming will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of December at the usual time.

### **Boys and Girls Gaelic Football**

Girls semi-final vs Danesfort takes place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of November at 2pm in a Kilkenny City venue to be confirmed. The bus will leave the school at 1pm and will drop off pupils at Woodsgift at 3:25pm and the school at 3:30pm after the match.

### **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.

### **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 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

### **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 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.

### **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 the 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](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.

### **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 18th of November in school Hall at 12.35pm.

### **Games Development Officer Visit**

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

### **Shoebox Appeal**

The deadline for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal has been extended to Monday 17th of November at 9am.

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

All parents are asked to select a parent / teacher meeting slot a.s.a.p. SET teachers Ms Ahern, Mr Grace and Ms Moore will be available to meet parents of pupils attending SET on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of November between 3pm and 4.30pm

### **Internet Safety**

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

### **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 at 9am. We will be collecting unwanted toys, books and games in good working order from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of November. Please bring in toys in a labelled Christmas Carol service for the whole school will take place on Friday 12th of December at 9.30am in Urlingford Church.

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

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