

## **Urlingford NS Parent/Guardian Email – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> of October. Black Sacks can be dropped to staff at school gate on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kilkenny@freshtoday.ie).

### **Swimming / Aquatics**

3rd and 4th class have 2 more Swimming Wednesdays.

5<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Class will attend Swimming between Halloween and Christmas on Wednesdays..

### **Green Schools**

Travel Survey by Ciara Hanrahan on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of October at 9.30am.

Start of Car idling Campaign on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November.

Walkability Audit with Ciara Hanrahan on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of November.

Travel Workshop with Senior Classes by Ciara Hanrahan.

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

Well Done to our boys and girls footballers on good performances this week.

Girls will have knockout match after Halloween. Boys may have a Country Cup quarter final next week. Last round of the League for boys is away vs St Johns in O Loughlin Gaels on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October.

### **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.

### **Maths Week**

Maths Week will take place between 11<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of October. Classes will be exposed to fun interactive Maths games during Maths Week.

### **Library Visits**

Senior Infants and First Class will visit Urlingford Library before Halloween Break for Author recitals.

### **Pupils using School Pitch**

Pupils using School Pitch at breaktime 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 12<sup>th</sup> of November – School staff must attend Kilkenny Education Center for Child Protection Training.

School will be closed on Fridays 13<sup>th</sup> of March and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. Murphys Pharmacy in Urlingford will be making this opportunity available. Consent Forms will be sent home early next week. Completed Flu Vaccine Forms must be returned before Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of October.

### **Whole School Fire Drill**

Our schools next Whole School Fire Drill will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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. For the first week Junior and Senior Infants can assemble at entry point closest to their classrooms where they will be met by Class Teachers.

### **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](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.

### **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.

### **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](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 pupils 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 21<sup>st</sup> of October in school Hall at 12.35pm.

### **Games Development Officer Visit**

Kilkenny GDO Nathan Culleton will visit our school on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of October, 11<sup>th</sup> of November and 2<sup>nd</sup> of December to deliver hurling coaching to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class will need hurling gear on the above dates.

### **William Kinsella FAI Soccer Coach**

FAI Soccer Coach will visit our school twice before Easter Break to deliver Soccer Coaching to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class.

Thanks all. Enjoy the weekend.

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