Hi All,

Please read the following school updates –

School Bus Behaviour

We are working with our school bus drivers to promote safe, respectful and positive behaviour on our school buses. We are particularly encouraging children to remain seated, use seatbelts, keep their hands and feet to themselves and always listen to their bus driver. We ask for parents' support in reinforcing these expectations at home.

Used Clothes Collection Fundraiser

Bags of old clothes can be dropped off to school between Monday 23rd and Friday 27th of November between 8:45 and 9am.

Christmas Annuals (Sugrah, Spraoi, Sonas and Siamsa)

Christmas annuals can be ordered through the school office before Friday 27th of November. The cost of the annuals is €5 each.

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 the 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 12:10 and 12:30pm.

Swimming / Aquatics

5th and 6th class will begin swimming lessons in Thurles Leisure Centre on Thursday 12th of November. Swimming costs €60 per pupil.

Restorative Practice

Restorative Practice is a framework focused on building, maintaining and repairing relationships by actively addressing conflict and harm through inclusive dialogue. This is a methodology being used as part of our revised Code of Discipline.

Jumble Sale

Our annual jumble sale fundraiser will take place on Friday 4th of December 2026.

Engineers Week

A local engineer will visit 4th, 5th and 6th class to speak to our senior pupils regarding life as an engineer in late November.

Boys and Girls Gaelic Football

Gaelic football training continues on Mondays and Wednesdays at big break.

Pupils using School Pitch

Pupils using the school pitch at breaktime and during sports coaching during the Winter months must wear boots or old runners.

Whole School Fire Drill

Our schools next Whole School Fire Drill will take place on Thursday 12th of November at 10:30am.

Winter Clothing

All families are encouraged to send their pupils to school with coats and hats so that they will be able to enjoy being outside at breaktime.

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. 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.

Work Experience Requests

Our quota of TYs has been filled for the 26/27 school year. We cannot facilitate any further requests for TY work experience.

1:40pm Finish (Staff Meeting/Planning)

Our schools next 1:40pm finish for all classes to facilitate Staff Planning and Staff Training will take place on Tuesday 12th of January 2027.

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.

Sacrament Dates

Confirmation for 5th and 6th class candidates will take place on Saturday 13th of February 2027 at 11am. Urlingford NS Service of Light will take place for Confirmation candidates on Thursday 28th of January at 7pm in Graine Church. Confession for 2nd class candidates plus a girl from 4th class will take place on Tuesday 16th of February. Communion will take place on Saturday 8th of May.

New Curriculum Framework Training Days

School will be closed to pupils on Tuesday 2nd of February 2027, Wednesday 14th of April 2027 and Monday 31st of May 2027. Oide facilitators will be visiting the school to upskill staff on the new curriculum framework.

Parent / Teacher Meetings

Parent / Teacher meetings are scheduled for the week starting Monday 16th of November. We will have to change plans if industrial action does not cease before then.

Vision and Hearing Screening

The HSE will undertake vision and hearing screening in the school hall on Thursday 12th of November.

Rainbows

1st group for Rainbows participation starts on Tuesday 24th of November. Relevant families will receive individual emails.

Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

Team Hope Shoebox Appeal pamphlets were sent home with all pupils this week. Deadline for the Team Hope shoeboxes to be delivered to the school is Tuesday 10th of November at 9am.

Green Schools

Scooting sessions for juniors to 2nd class will take place on the 16th and 17th of November. A food miles talk for selected classes will take place in the school hall on the 2nd of December. Please see attached letter from the Green Schools Committee.

Thanks all and enjoy the weekend.

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