

# Lissan PS Newsletter

## October 2020



Dear Parents,

Please find below useful information and reminders for the month of October 2020.

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge “thank you” for your continued support throughout September. We are delighted that our pupils have settled back so well, and it is lovely to see our school a place of fun and laughter once again.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all the staff team who have worked tirelessly, going above and beyond their normal “contracted” hours to make sure our reopening ran smoothly and to ensure that our school is a safe environment for our entire school community!! Thank you.

**It is important to check the school website to keep up to date with upcoming events within the school- [www.lissanps.com](http://www.lissanps.com)**

If you have any concerns or queries about your child’s progress or welfare, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

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*Mrs Ciara McIntyre (Principal)*



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### Car Parking at Home Time

**Thank you for adhering to our social distancing guidelines and for continuing to collect your child/ren promptly at home time.**

We would request that everyone shows respect for each other and follows our safety procedures in getting the children picked up safely.

We understand that the car parking outside our school is inadequate and we are working hard to try and improve this. At the moment, we would encourage all parents to park in the chapel carpark and walk over or in the available parking bays. It is essential that cars do not park in the **first bay beside the school gate**. This area must be left free for the **bus to safely park**.

We have taken measures to ensure the safety and efficiency of home-times. Staff are encouraged to release children promptly at home time, so parents are not having to wait around unnecessarily.

Thank you to Michelle & Tracey for assisting with the new drop off and pick up arrangements. They have been invaluable in ensuring the children enter and leave the school as safely as possible.

### **After Schools Clubs**

IFA Coaching with Liam for Mrs McIntyre's Class will commence on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 3-4pm costing at £2.50 per week.

Children should be collected at the pedestrian gate.

This After School club will be offered to other classes after Hallowe'en. More information to follow.

### **"Stay and Play" 2-3pm**

**Our "Stay and Play" club will resume next Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.**

We feel that this is an invaluable club for many parents, and we are delighted to be able to operate it safely again. The children from Mrs Donnelly's class and Miss Devlin's class will be kept socially distanced in their individual bubbles.

**The club costs £2 per day. The children will be provided with a small snack.**



### Updating School Records

It is vitally important that we have your correct home address, home and mobile telephone numbers, email address plus details of your chosen contact person(s) for our records. If any of your details have changed from last year, please contact the school office. If your details change during the course of this year, please let us know.

### Class DoJo

Thank you to all parents for downloading the Class Dojo App. So far, we have found this a fantastic method of communication.



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### HOMEWORK

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You will now have received your child's "Homework Pack". These packs contain Literacy and Numeracy homework activities which will be used from now until our Hallowe'en Mid Term Break.

At the start of each week the class teacher will communicate the instructions for each activity.

We will ask you to upload **some** activities from time to time for assessment purposes. We will also talk to the children every morning about that week's homework, so they know that there is the same expectation for them to complete homework.

**If your child is finding difficulty with any homework activity, please message the teacher immediately and we will provide support.**

We will upload the week's spellings on a Monday.

We ask that the children continue to read independently, and this reading is constantly monitored in school through our **Accelerated Reading** programme. The children will continue with their GUIDED READING SESSIONS in school.

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If you require any support, or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher either through Class Dojo or [cmcintyre695@c2kni.net](mailto:cmcintyre695@c2kni.net) or by phone to the school office.

**We know that this is not a perfect solution however, we hope it is only short term.**

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## Sacrament of First Holy Communion

**2021**

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in St Michael's Church at 11am.



## Parent/ Teacher Consultations

Given the current restrictions due to COVID 19 we will postpone our Parent/ Teacher Consultations until Term 2.

If you have any query or concern about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to call the school and a telephone consultation can be arranged.

## School Dinners

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October the children will eat their school dinners in the hall, enabling a return to a FULL dinner menu. The pupils will remain in their class bubbles.

The Menu is posted on our WEBSITE

**A huge "thank you" to Rosalind, Jackie, Maeve, Noreen, Michelle, Siobhan and Susan for working so hard to ensure the children continued to receive delicious, hot meals delivered to their classrooms each day.**



## **WORLD MATHS DAY**

On **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October** we will celebrate World Maths Day.

There will be lots of exciting numeracy sessions planned throughout the school.

Please keep an eye on our website for photos!

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## **Updated Holiday List 2020/2021**

### **Mid-Term Break**

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October (5 days)

### **Staff Development Days**

**Friday 27th November & Monday 30th November 2020**

### **Christmas Holidays**

School closes at 12 noon on Tuesday 22nd December

Wednesday 23rd December 2020 - Wednesday 6th January 2021 (11 days)

### **Mid-Term Break**

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2021 (5 days)

### **Bank Holiday & Staff Development Days**

**Wednesday 17th March – Friday 19th March 2021 (3 days)**

### **Easter Holidays**

School closes at 12 noon on Thursday 1st April 2021

Friday 2nd April – Friday 9th April 2021 (6 days)

### **May Bank Holiday**

Monday 3rd May 2021 (1 day)

### **Mid-Term Break**

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021 (5 days)

### **Summer Holidays**

School closes at 12 noon on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**This is a list of our planned holidays for 2020/21. This may be subject to change in line with guidance from the Department of Education due to COVID**

### **Flu Vaccinations**

**The School Nurse will administer Flu Vaccinations on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Please refer to the leaflet posted on our Website**



**Credit Union**

Our school savings scheme with Cookstown Credit Union will commence again on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October**. New members welcome.

More information to follow from class teachers.

### Sponsored Autumn Walk to Lissan House

Our sponsored walk to Lissan House will take place on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October**. Each child has taken home a sponsor sheet. Thank you in advance for your kind donations. All proceeds will go to equipping our wonderful new mobile with an ICT area. Please give generously!



Wouldn't it be lovely to see our new ICT suite filled with computers!!

## Hallowe'en Fun

Our pupils have worked so well over the last few weeks, we would like to reward them with a week of fun filled activities including cooking and art and craft events!

**Autumn Walk 21<sup>st</sup> October / Dressing Up Day 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

### Class Mass

*Every Friday one class will attend Mass. Mass can be viewed on [mcnmedia.tv/camera/st.michaels-lissan](http://mcnmedia.tv/camera/st.michaels-lissan) at 9.30am. Only one class may attend Mass each week as numbers within the Church are restricted.*



**Lafayette Photography** will be visiting the school on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November** to take pupil / sibling photographs. Consent forms will go home soon.