

Lissan PS Newsletter

October 2021



Dear Parents,

Please find below useful information and reminders for the month of October 2021.

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 are working exceptionally hard. We have planned face to face Parent/ Teacher Consultations for the week beginning 8th November. This will be an opportunity for you to hear how your child is doing in school, and to discuss any matters you may wish.

It is important to check the school website/ Class Dojo to keep up to date with upcoming events within the school- 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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Together we learn, grow and play in God's love and care.

Updating School Records

It is important that our school has the most up to date contact information for all our pupils and parents. A data collection form is required for all pupils currently attending Lissan PS to update our records accordingly.

This year, in an attempt to reduce the amount of paper used within the school, we have placed some of our forms online. We would ask that you take time to complete this form.

Instructions to Complete Forms:

- Go to www.lissanps.com
- Select: Parent Area
- Select: Pupil Information Data Collection Form

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion 2022

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 14th May 2022** in St Michael's Church at 11am.



The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on 29th April at 5 pm in St Michael's Church.



We will up date you closer to the time regarding COVID regulations.

Parent/ Teacher Consultations

Parent/ Teacher Consultations will take place on the week beginning Monday 8th November. The class teacher will be in touch via Dojo with a date and time for this meeting. The meeting will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress. These meetings will be conducted with strict adherence to social distancing guidelines and face coverings should be worn. If, however, you would prefer a telephone consultation this can also be arranged.

WORLD MATHS WEEK

From Monday 18th October we will be celebrating Maths Week.

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

Please keep an eye on our website/ Class Dojo for photos!

WORLD MATHS DAY



Flu Vaccinations

The School Nurse will administer Flu Vaccinations on Thursday 21st October.

Please refer to the leaflet posted on our website

'JUST' THE FLU?
There's no 'just' about it

Sponsored Autumn Walk to Lissan House

Our sponsored walk to Lissan House will take place on Friday 22nd **October**. The eldest child in each family has taken home a sponsor sheet. Thank you in advance for your kind donations. All proceeds will go towards our new PATHS resources and purchasing additional music equipment for the school.



Hallowe'en Fun

The children are welcome to dress up on this day – please be mindful of ensuring they have appropriate footwear and a coat.





Credit Union savings are collected every Monday at the school office.
New members welcome.
Applications forms are available in school.

“Sharing the Learning” Week

Assessment for Learning in Literacy/Numeracy

As part of our continued commitment to keeping you informed and fully involved in your child’s education, we are inviting you to participate in your child’s ‘Assessment for Learning.’

*On the week **beginning October 25th** your child will bring their books home and they will show you a “comments page”. We would like you to read through your child’s books and discuss their work with them. We would ask that you sign that you have seen the books and write a comment if you wish.*

Pupil self-assessment is an integral part of the curriculum. It allows pupils to take more responsibility for their own learning, by taking time to:

- *Reflect and evaluate what they have learned*
- *Think about how they learn best*
- *Think about the areas where they want to improve*

We hope that reviewing your child’s books at this stage in the year and discussing their learning with them will be a positive and motivating experience.



Changes to Special Educational Needs

Guidance for parents and guardians of pupils who are currently on the SEN register

The SEN Code of Practice is an important guidance document that all schools must follow when making decisions about identifying, assessing and making provision for children who have SEN. Currently, all children with SEN are recorded on the school's SEN register under one of five stages according to the level of support which they need to help them make progress in school. The new Code, when published by the Department of Education, will have three stages for schools to record children on the SEN register.

Why are we moving from five stages to three?

The new three stages are easier for parents, schools and everyone involved in helping to support children with SEN to understand and use. They help to streamline the SEN process and they focus specifically on the different levels of provision that can be made to help children with SEN.

When will the change from five to three stages happen?

Over the next few months, schools will look at their SEN registers and move each child across from the five stage model to the three stage model. All children will be recorded under the new three stages by October 2021.

What will the new three stages look like?

The new three stages focus on levels of provision for pupils who have SEN:

- **Stage One:** Pupils who are recorded as new Stage One will be receiving school delivered special educational provision.
- **Stage Two:** Pupils who are recorded as new Stage Two will be receiving school delivered special educational provision plus external provision, e.g. from one of the Education Authority (EA) Pupil Support Services or from a service within the Health and Social Care Trust. Pupils who are going through the statutory assessment process will be recorded as Stage Two also.
- **Stage Three:** Pupils who are recorded as new Stage Three will have a statement of Special Educational Needs and will be receiving school and EA delivered special educational provision as detailed in their statement.

Will my child be affected by the move from five to three stages?

Your child will NOT be affected by the change. The move from five to three stages is simply a clearer and more user-friendly way of recording the level of provision that pupils with SEN need to help them make progress.

The provision currently being made for your child will NOT change as a result of SEN registers moving to the three stage model.

**With effect from: April 2021-October 202*

