



Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Children & Parents,

We have had our first full week back and thankfully everyone has settled well. A huge welcome to our new P1 children and families. We are delighted that you are here; you each add a lovely fresh dynamic to our school. I wish you all well as you embark upon your primary school journey. Each P1 child has met a special P7 buddy who will look after them and keep them on the right path this year. The children's happiness and well-being is my number one priority. If you have any concerns about your child or if they have any little worries please contact me directly llagan337@c2kni.net Please contact Jackie in the office or myself if you have any queries. Apologies in advance for the overload of information to follow...diaries at the ready.

Regards Mrs. Louise Lagan

Key Reminders & Notifications

- **Week Beginning 9th September 2024 Dinner Menu 2.** All Dinner Menus & Associated Dates have been published on the Crossroads Website & Dojo for your convenience.
- **We have had a few issues with Parent Mail.** Please consult DOJO, the School Website &/or School Facebook Page for key information and reminders. Please be aware teachers will only respond to messages on Dojo during school hours (08:45-16:00). Cash as a payment option is fine while we navigate the future for Parent Mail in our School.
- **Breakfast Club** runs daily Monday-Friday beginning at 08:00. The cost is £2.00 per child and we offer a wide selection of cereals, toast, pancakes and juice.
- **Stay & Play** will be available Monday-Thursday from 2-3pm at a cost of £3.00 per child.
- **Wraparound Care** will be available Monday-Thursday from 3pm-5pm at a cost of £6.00 per child for the two hours. There will be no Stay & Play or Wraparound care on Friday. Every Friday all children will go home and leave the site at 2pm.
- **Children can be dropped in the yard and supervised from 08:30am daily.** School begins promptly at 09:00.
- **Primary 1 Children** will be in school from 9am-12 noon up until Friday 13th September'24 and will only need a snack. Parents may drop children at the P1 door where they will be met by P1 staff. As and from Monday 16th September 2024 Primary 1 children will be in school from 09:00-14:00. From Monday 16th September 2024 Parents will be encouraged to leave their child at the school gate from 08:30 onwards.
- **Homework** will begin for all Crossroads children as and from Monday 16th September 2024.
- **Transfer Club** will operate on Wednesday afternoon from 15:00-16:00. This will begin Wednesday 11th September 2024. Mrs. Fleming will run this club and it is specifically for P7 children who intend sitting transfer in November 2024.
- **School Bus** – Mr. Gerard McCloskey who owns and operates our school bus visited school on 24th June 2024. While most children are very well behaved on the school bus he raised concerns about uncouth, unsafe behaviour (screaming, standing, removing seat belts, refusing to follow instructions, running up and down the aisle). He stated that consistent



unsafe behaviour after several consultations with the child and parents will result in a 3 month suspension from the bus. The bus driver as you'll appreciate is responsible for the vehicle and anything up to 30 children on the bus. I understand and support his views and would encourage parents to endorse safe behaviour on the bus. Children may not bring extra friends home on the bus.

- Can we please ask parents not to send **'Birthday Invitations'** into school as they cause distress and ill feeling in classes. Parents may contact Jackie for a class contact list. We really appreciate your understanding regarding this matter.
- **P7 children will go Swimming** every Wednesday in Magherafelt under the supervision of Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Cairns. The cost is £6.00 per child.
- **Healthy Schools** – Crossroads PS is involved in The Healthy School Initiative. Could parents please send in healthy snacks for breaktime. The children are also encouraged to bring a bottle of water each day. Please do not send any nut products into school. If your child develops any allergies or medical complaints during the course of the year, please let us know immediately.
- **Skill School will commence on Monday 16th September 2024.** The coaches were in school on Friday 6th September offering free taster sessions. Children may wear their PE clothes to school on Monday as and from 16th September 2024. A notification regarding payment and times has been published on Dojo and the School Website. The school will not take payment for this club. Payment must be made directly to Skill School via the QR code provided on the flyer.
- **2024-2025 Crossroads Holidays** are available on the school Website and have been distributed.
- Monday 30th September 2024 – **School Photographer** will be on site from 09:00. Only children and siblings who attend Crossroads PS will be able to avail.
- **Sacramental Information** will follow in due course from the Parish Office.

KEY ASSEMBLIES FOR THE YEAR – WE INVITE PARENTS TO ATTEND

- P4/5 Assembly Friday 15th November @ 09:30 SCHOOL HALL
- P5/6 Assembly Friday 31st January 2025 @ 09:30 SCHOOL HALL
- P2/3 Friday 14th March 2025 @ 09:30 SCHOOL HALL
- P1 Friday 9th May 2025 @ 09:30 SCHOOL HALL
- P7 Leaver's Mass, Assembly, Prizegiving and tea Tuesday 17th June 2025





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