Yellow Furze NS

September 2023 Newsletter



We hope that all of the children are all settling in to the routine of the school day at this stage. It has been a very busy and exciting few weeks, particularly for our Junior Infants who are now finishing at 2:00.

<u>Parents Association:</u> The PA held its AGM yesterday evening in the school. Many thanks to all who attended. It is important to note that any parent who has a child enrolled in the school is entitled to go to any PA meeting throughout the year as they are automatically a member. We would especially encourage new parents to attend. The following is the committee for the coming year:

Chairperson – Michael Monaghan; Joint Secretaries – Claire Friel, Siobhán Conneely; Treasurer – Caroline Navagh Burke; Assistant Chair – Lisa Darby; Assistant Treasurer – Lorraine Englishby.

The next PA meeting takes place on Wednesday 11th October at 7:00.

<u>Consent Forms/Fees:</u> Please return all consent forms this week. Many thanks to all those families who have paid the Arts & Materials Fee and Pupil Personal Insurance Fee. For those yet to do so, you can pay online using Databiz.

Enrolment: The closing date for enrolment for the 24/25 academic year is October 27th 2023. Please contact the office for an enrolment form or download from www.yellowfurzens.ie – click on the drop down arrow beside Policies / Admission / Blank enrolment form.

<u>Dropping off/Picking up:</u> We would just like to remind parents of a couple of small things with regard to going to and from school. If you are using the Drop Off area of the car park, that is exactly what it should be. Adults should not leave the car unattended if you are parking in this area. Pupils should also make sure that they use the traffic lights when coming to school and crossing the road. They should never cross in front of the gates to the car park. We have reminded all the pupils of this. Finally, we would ask that you pass on this information to the person who drops your children to school if it isn't yourself directly.

<u>Lost & Found:</u> The PA have collected a large number of items of the school uniform from Lost & Found – these items will be in the orange corridor outside the Junior/Senior infant classrooms next week. Please come in and look for any items your child may have lost – we have over 30 jackets in addition to tracksuits. t-shirts etc.

<u>Sport:</u> The GAA teams for both boys and girls have been in action over the last week. Well done to both who lost out in very tight encounters but have shown great promise for the season ahead. The next game is scheduled for next week and we will let you know when we get confirmation. Swimming will take place in March and April this year for $3^{rd} - 6^{th}$ in Aura Swimming Pool in Navan. We will provide more details closer to the time.

Board of Management: The BOM will meet on Tuesday at the school at 7:00.

<u>Shoe Box Appeal:</u> We will be participating in the Shoe Box Appeal again this Christmas. Leaflets will be distributed before mid-term and completed boxes should be sent in when we return to school.

<u>Homework:</u> Homework is given in accordance with the school Homework Policy. If any persistent issues arise, please contact the class teacher.

<u>School Calendar:</u> Please find the calendar for the school year below. Please note that the school will be closing at 2:00 for a staff meeting on Tuesday October 24th.

School Calendar: Sept 2023- June 2024

Month	Description	
Friday 1 st September	School opens 9.20am	Junior Infants finish at 12.30pm from 1 – 15 th Sept.
2023		Mz
Tuesday October 24th	School closes @ 2pm	Staff meeting NEW!!
October / November	Mid-term break	School closed Monday 30 th Oct – Friday 3 rd Nov. Reo-
		pens Mon 6 th Nov.
November	Parent teacher	TBC
	meetings	
December / January	Christmas Holidays	School closes @ 12.30pm Fri 22 nd Dec, reopens Mon
		8 th Jan. 2024
February 5 th Feb	St. Brigid's Day	School closed Mon 5 th Feb
February	Mid-term break	School closed Thursday & Friday 15 th & 16 th February.
February 14 th	Ash Wednesday	All children attend Mass at 10am
March 18 th	St Patrick's Day	School closed Monday 18 th March
March / April	Easter Holidays	School closes Fri 22 nd March at 12.30pm, reopens
	·	Mon 8 th April 2024
May Bank holiday	Bank Holiday	School closed Friday 3 rd and Monday 6 th May.
June Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	School closed Friday 31 st May and Monday 3 rd June.
June 27 th	Summer Holidays	School closes @12.30pm