

# Carbury School

The Mall, Sligo.

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The pupils are working very hard with their teachers and will soon have a week off for October mid-term break. We continue to encourage good manners: it is always lovely to hear the pupils greeting staff members and saying “please” and “thank you”.

As the current term for the Board of Management draws to a close, we wish to thank all board members for their dedication to and interest in our school. We will begin the process of securing two parent nominees for the Board of Management this week. Please read the information overleaf for further detail about this.

Warm regards,

Ms. McMahon

## Every School Day Counts

Here in Carbury School, we value regular school attendance. A nationwide campaign has been designed to promote the importance of attendance at class and school level. This will be rolled out by Tusla Education Support Services (TESS) and the Department of Education and will run throughout the 2023/24 school year.

We understand that there are genuine reasons for pupil absences. Please use the **Absence Form** to let the school know if your child is not in school. This form can be found on our school website in the section entitled 'For Parents'.

## Parent-Teacher Meetings

The parent-teacher meetings will take place on **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November and Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November in the school for pupils from Senior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Class**. We will send out more information by email as we will use an online booking system on our website where you can choose the time for your meeting.

Please note that the parent-teacher meetings for pupils in Junior Infants will take place at the end of January.



## School Website

[www.carburyschool.com](http://www.carburyschool.com)

## October Mid-Term Break

The school will be closed from Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023.

## School Reopens

The school will reopen on **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November**.

## Literacy Lift Off

First Class started a six-week programme of this intensive intervention today. This is a very beneficial initiative for pupils to develop their literacy skills.

## PE Lessons

PE lessons will take place on **Mondays and Thursdays** for November and December. Please note this change for school tracksuits.

## Dates for your Diary

- **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm:** Festive Flower Demonstration organised by the PA in Carbury School Hall. Admission: €10.
- **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10 am:** Carol Service in Calry Church.

## Parent Association News

We held a Parent Association AGM on the 28<sup>th</sup> September where we elected the new PA Committee for this school year. It was a really positive meeting and we look forward to working together for the benefit of the pupils in our school. See the school website for a full list of our PA Committee members.

## Maths Week

The staff and pupils will celebrate Maths Week in school this week. Pupils will have lots of different opportunities to see Maths used in real-life scenarios. Thanks to Sligo Education Centre, we have the use of Bee Bots and IZAK 9 Cubes for the week.

## Sporting Events

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils participated in a tag rugby blitz organised by Connacht Rugby. A number of pupils from the senior classes took part in the SuperValu Athletics Fest. In addition, pupils attended the Primary Schools Cross Country Event. Well done to the pupils for representing the school so well. They showed great team spirit and respect as they participated in the various events.

## Music Lessons and P.E. Coaching

Pupils in all classes from Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class benefit from music lessons with Heather and P.E. coaching. In September, pupils worked on the strand of dance and games with Mairead and in October, pupils had the opportunity to complete Taekwon-Do lessons with Nicola.

## Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal

It is a school tradition to support the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. If you would like to take part, the shoeboxes will be collected after the October mid-term break. **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November will be the final day for collection.** We have sent home the leaflet with the necessary information today.

Team Hope recommends the following for filling a shoebox:

'Please put in a selection of small gifts from the options below: (but out of respect for the children we ask that all items be new, or good as new)'

**TO WRITE** – Items for school – like a pen, pencil, copy book, paper, colouring book, felt pens, sharpener, eraser, solar calculator.

**TO WASH** – Some hygiene items – toothbrush and toothpaste, soap (wrapped please), facecloth, hairbrush, comb.

**TO WEAR** – Small clothing items – a hat, scarf, gloves, socks, etc.

**To WOW** – Something the child will enjoy.



## Overview of Letters for Parent Nominees for the Board of Management

### Letter 1:

Consent from parents who are interested in being a Parent Nominee will be provided. The closing date for this stage is Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October.

### Letter 2:

The next stage seeks nominations.

### Letter 3:

The final stage will involve voting for the parent nominees.

## Constitution of Boards of Management

The Board of Management is made up of eight members:

- Two direct nominees of the patrons.
- Two parents elected from parents of children who are enrolled and have commenced attendance at the school.
- The principal of the school.
- One other serving teacher on the staff of the school.
- Two community nominees.

## Coats

Please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day. **A coat with a hood or a hat** is needed as we aim to go outside for breaks each day. Please **clearly label** your child's items of clothing with his/her name.