



**The official opening hours of St. Peter's N.S. are: -**

***Junior and Senior Infants - 9.20a.m – 2.00p.m.***

***Pupils of 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes – 9.20a.m. to 3.00p.m.***

**The Board of Management accepts NO responsibility for pupils outside of these times.**

**Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),**

**17<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

We wish to extend a warm welcome back to all for the 2015 – 2016 school year, a year that will see us celebrate the **125th anniversary** of primary education in Snugboro. We hope that you all had a very enjoyable summer. We extend a very warm welcome to our new pupils especially our Junior Infants children as they begin primary school. Every good wish to last year's 6<sup>th</sup> class who have commenced their post-primary education. We wish them every success and happiness in the years that lie ahead. We also extend congratulations to our past pupils on their recent Leaving and Junior Cert results. Here's to their success & happiness in the future.

**125th anniversary:**

Plans are underway to mark this year in a special way. Our annual social will take place in the Welcome inn hotel on Friday October 23rd to mark the 125th anniversary of the opening of St. Peter's N.S. in 1890.

We would love to receive old photos and stories spanning the decades from past pupils. If you or any of your family and friends would be willing to share these with us please email them to [snugboro125@gmail.com](mailto:snugboro125@gmail.com)

**Parking Area:**

We value the safety, health and wellbeing of every individual in the school. With this in mind the Board of Management sought funding from The Department of Education and Skills to develop a Staff car-park at the rear of the school. This will allow us to develop **a safe drop-off and collection area for pupils at the front of the school** and will hopefully help to alleviate traffic congestion.

Until the **new** staff car park at the rear of the school is ready and to allow for **safe dropping off and collection** of our pupils we seek your co-operation with the following parking arrangements.

- If it's not safe to walk or cycle please carpool or use the bus if possible.
- We ask parents to safely drop their children at the school and leave promptly.
- Please **do not** park on the **opposite side** of the road across from the school. It's extremely **unsafe** to have children weave through traffic to get to their cars and it causes traffic jams.
- For safety reasons the **staff car park** is **not** to be used as a set down area **nor** a walking through area.
- The area for the **School Bus & Disabled Parking is marked** .For safety reasons we ask that they be **kept clear at all times.**

We request and appreciate your ongoing co-operation with these arrangements.

**Personal Insurance:**

The forms for personal insurance of the pupils for the coming year 2015/2016 have been circulated. If you decide to avail of the personal insurance please return the form and the premium to **the class-teacher on/ before Monday 28th September .**

**Green schools:**

We remind everyone to conserve energy at home and at school as part of our Green schools' theme "Global Citizenship & Energy".

**Thank You:**

Thank you to all who have paid the supplementary expenses as was denoted at the bottom of the book lists. This also, is a gentle reminder to anybody who has yet to pay.

**Lunch Policy:**

We thank everyone for their continued support and co-operation in making school a safe place for our pupils by refraining from including any nut based products in your child's/childrens' lunches.

**Parents' Association:**

The Parents Association will be holding their **A.G.M. on Wednesday 30th September in the P.E. Hall**. They will be co-opting new representatives from parents over the next few weeks. Being a member is an opportunity to become involved in helping out in extra-curricular activities, e.g. An Taisce clean-up days, fundraising, helping out on St. Patrick's Day and catering occasions etc. We would like to thank most sincerely all individual members for their help in the past and to commend them for their fundraising projects.

**PLAYGROUND FUND**

Sincere thanks to all parents involved in raising over **€30,000** for the playground fund!!! We thank all pupils who have sold tickets for this fund. With each family selling 5 books this will yield €10,000. Every little helps. Sincere thanks to those who have sold more than 5 books. We have until Oct 23rd to keep selling!! All ticket sellers who have returned money and tickets to school already will be entered into a draw. One lucky person will win a family pass for Westport House tomorrow.

**Literacy & Numeracy: School self-evaluation**

Literacy Lift-Off will soon commence in 3rd class. As part of the school self-evaluation process we encourage all pupils to read daily which may lead to their personal enjoyment of reading. A lot of children enjoy being read to. Perhaps, you could set aside some time each day to read to/with your child(ren). talk about the pictures. Predict what might happen in the story through questioning. **Castlebar Library** has treats for all ages and interests. In relation to numeracy, recognising maths in everyday life is important as well as developing an understanding of maths language. Helping with homework and talking about **how** to do a task is very beneficial. Drawing pictures can help too!

**Asthma Inhalers/Medication:**

We request that any parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) whose child/children use inhalers/medication to contact the school to ensure that the expiry date/dosage is/are correct.

**Swimming:**

Pupils in **2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th** class will swim **once per annum**. 4th & 5th class pupils have commenced their six week module of swimming lessons on Tuesdays in Castlebar swimming pool. Lessons for the two 6<sup>th</sup> classes will begin on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**.

**Safe Cycling:**

Gerry Butler Mayo School of Safe Cycling is facilitating cycle training for 6<sup>th</sup> class.

**Cross Country:**

Best of luck to our Cross Country teams who are training for the annual cross country competition in Ballyvary. Many thanks to Mr. Eamonn Shaughnessy who trains the teams.

**Cumann na mBunscoil:**

Best of luck to our Gaelic football teams who are training for the mini-sevens competition in Breaffy. Many thanks to Mr. Peter Tuohy & Ms. Thelma Healy who train the teams.

**Achievements:****Congratulations to:**

- **Midhe & Ava** on winning gold & bronze medals in the Community Games Finals in Athlone during the summer.
- Our past pupils **Jack** and **Barry** on their selection on the U18 Connaught Rugby team. Special congrats to **Barry** on being selected as **captain** of the team.

*At the beginning of another academic year we would like to wish everybody connected with the school a happy and fruitful year. Rath Dé ar an sár– obair.*