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Dear families,

Welcome to a new school year and a fresh new start to life in Caragh school. We all very much welcome the return to our traditional school life. It is quite refreshing not to be writing about Covid restrictions and please God, everything will stay that way.

At this stage of the year, I would like to wish all our new families in Junior Infants and those in other classes who are new to the school the very best this year and the coming years. You may have noticed that we have a number of new staff this year and we are delighted to welcome them to the school. As always should you have any concerns please contact the school and together we will be able to deal with them. We are proud of our close relationship between school and home and I hope we can build on this further this year.

As always, we will send out our Newsletter each month and we will keep you up to date with all that is going on in the school.

I would like to wish all our Boys & Girls, you their parents, our new Junior Infants, all our staff and the whole school community the very best for the new school year.

Regards  
Alan Hobbins

### **Smart Watches**

We appreciate that the use of Smart Watches is on the rise not just in our school but in society. However, such watches can be a distraction within the classroom and during the school day. Watches which can take pictures, make a phone call or access the internet are not permitted in school. This is an extension of our mobile phone policy which does not permit phones in school.

# Calendar

Halloween	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct. – 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov.
Christmas Break:	Closing 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec. Reopen 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
Feb. Bank Holiday	Monday Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>
Feb Midterm:	Thurs. 16 <sup>th</sup> + 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb.
St Patrick's Day:	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> + Mon. 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar.
Easter Break:	Closing 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
May Bank Holiday:	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May
June Bank Holiday Week:	June 5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>
Summer Closure:	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June



Please Support St Brigid's Hospice Coffee morning Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

The Coffee morning will take place in the Church family room from 10am – 12.30pm.

A big raffle will take place and tickets are €2 each. Many prizes are to be won for all ages and tickets are on sale in the school from tomorrow. All money made will go to the Hospice in the Curragh.

**Donations can also be sent into the school office in an envelope.**

All support will be greatly appreciated. Theresa & Ann

## Book Rental, Art/Crafts, Equipment & Photocopying 2022/2023

Payment for Book Rental 2022/2023 can be made securely online through your Aladdin Connect - Payments page - using a debit or credit card.

Cash & cheque payments can be made at the school office between 9am - 12 noon. Put your payment (or part-payment) in an envelope marked with: your child's name & class & the amount in the envelope. Drop the envelope into the school office (or your child can give it to their teacher). A receipt will be issued from the office and sent home.

Book Rental should be paid before the end of September 2021 please. As usual, the Department of Education and Skills provides a Book Grant for some families. If you feel that you will experience difficulty meeting the payment, please contact the principal – Mr. Alan Hobbins – 045 903 091 or email [principal@caraghns.ie](mailto:principal@caraghns.ie)

## School Crests

Any family that would like to purchase school crests can now do so through the Aladdin payments page. Crests are €5 each. On the payments page: Tick the box beside 'Crests' and enter the total amount of money for the number of crests that you need - One crest €5, two crests €10, three crests €15 etc. Cash payments can be made in the office.

When the payment is made online, the crests will be given to your child in school.

## Aladdin Connect

Parents please note that Caragh NS communicates with you through Aladdin Connect. This is both efficient and cost effective for the school and parents. If you are not connected or are having some difficulty with your connection, please contact the office ([office@caraghns.ie](mailto:office@caraghns.ie)).

Connect is used by parents to update personal details, change address/phone information, read school notices, see permission slips, make payments to school, see test results & reports, let the school know the reason for a child being absent, view homework and make return to school declarations after an absence.

If you have downloaded the App, please complete the process and validate you mobile phone number – if you don't validate, the system will continue to text you, which is expensive for the school. Thank you.

## Medical Conditions

Parents, please ensure that the school principal is notified of any medical condition suffered by your child, and of any medication and/or medical equipment to deal with in an emergency.

Parents should read the full Admin. of Medications policy on the school website:

<http://www.caraghns.ie/general-policies.html>

Conditions might include (but are not limited to) Asthma, Epilepsy, Coeliac, Allergic Reactions, Diabetes, Mobility Issues.

## Green School

Caragh N.S. and Caragh Tidy Towns are delighted with our colourful wall signs at the front of the school. We hope that these will encourage all to have a "rethink" when it comes to our locality. They also provide a link between Caragh School and Tidy Towns

## Cycling

6<sup>th</sup> class are currently involved in a cycling safety course. With the recent upsurge on the bike activity this is a well-timed and worthwhile programme. The cost of this course is €12 – please pay online

We are looking for a few good conditioned unwanted bicycles (age 8-10 years approx.) for school use. We would be grateful if you could donate them to us.

## GAA Coaching

We are delighted to have Games Development Officer Robert Thompson back to coach GAA skills. Robert will begin his programme with 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes.

Thanks to Raheens who have put this plan in place.

Kelly Perkins is returning next week to continue an E.O.C.C. (hurling) led coaching programme. Kelly will start her sessions with senior infants and 1<sup>st</sup> class pupils.

## Cumann na mBunscol

Great to be back playing school games again. This Autumn we will participate in Under 11 boys and girls football  
Under 11 Camogie  
Senior Boys Hurling  
Training commences this week and the children will be posted. Thanks to the many teachers who give up their time to give the children a chance to represent their school

## Save Stamps and Save Bogs

Don't throw away your old stamps – We need them!



Why?

To help save Irish Bogs

### Collecting Used Stamps

The Irish Peatland Conservation Council are a charity that aim to protect a sample of Irish peatlands for future generations to enjoy. You can support the work of this charity (CHI0829) by collecting used stamps. Used stamps received by the IPCC are sorted and sold to stamps dealers. The money raised through the sale of used stamps goes directly to the 'Save the Bogs Campaign'. Thank You.



As part of our Green School we are delighted to take part in the above project.

Please drop your used postage stamps to Caragh School or the Parish Office

## Guitar Lessons

We welcome back Don Nea who over an 8 week period will give the 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils a chance to learn the basics in guitar. The cost of this is €10 in total – please pay online.

## Pupil Insurance

Pupil Insurance is optional and also available to be paid online or at the school office. If you are paying cash, please complete the Application form and put the signed part of the form into the envelope with the payment. The option to sign up for pupil insurance is available only until September 30<sup>th</sup>

## School Journals

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> + 6<sup>th</sup> class students will need a school journal. €5 each can be paid online or cash to the teacher. Thank you.



### CHILDCARE REQUEST:

We are looking for a childminder for our 2 girls on a permanent basis.

This would include full-time care for our 2-year-old, either in our home or with the childminder. She is a little shy, but full of fun!

Our 4-year-old attends Flowertots until 1:15 and we can provide lifts from playschool to home/the childminder if needed.

Please contact Claire Dunleavy, 085 774 1388.

Playball is Back”

We are looking forward to seeing everyone this school year!!

Playball will be held on the school premises on a Tuesday and is open for junior and senior infants and our new exciting Playsport program(multi-sport) will be offered for 1st class and 2nd class and up.

If you would like to find out more about Playball, & who we are, please check out our website at [www.playballkids.com/franchise/216](http://www.playballkids.com/franchise/216)

Or go directly to book your child in to playball by clicking on the following links.

Junior infants

Ms Hamill [https://www.playballkids.com/parent-zone/basket\\_bookings.php?classid=49368](https://www.playballkids.com/parent-zone/basket_bookings.php?classid=49368)

Ms McNulty [https://www.playballkids.com/parent-zone/basket\\_bookings.php?classid=49446](https://www.playballkids.com/parent-zone/basket_bookings.php?classid=49446)

Ms Marsh [https://www.playballkids.com/parent-zone/basket\\_bookings.php?classid=49448](https://www.playballkids.com/parent-zone/basket_bookings.php?classid=49448)

Senior infants

Ms Cummins [https://www.playballkids.com/parent-zone/basket\\_bookings.php?classid=49456](https://www.playballkids.com/parent-zone/basket_bookings.php?classid=49456)

Ms KIELTY [https://www.playballkids.com/parent-zone/basket\\_bookings.php?classid=49469](https://www.playballkids.com/parent-zone/basket_bookings.php?classid=49469)

1ST / 2ND CLASS and

up [https://www.playballkids.com/parent-zone/basket\\_bookings.php?classid=49454](https://www.playballkids.com/parent-zone/basket_bookings.php?classid=49454)

There will be 3 Terms in our Playball year (beginner, intermediate and Advanced)

- This term will start on 20th September and will continue for 10 weeks last class in this term will be classes 29th November
- Playball is taught on the school premises once a week on Tuesday directly after school, we collect from the class teacher at 1.45 and collection from Playball will then be at the front of the school gate B at 2.40
- and 1st and 2nd class at 2.45-3.40
- **Fees; €80.00**  
for more information contact Jodie at 0861619245

Best Regards  
Jodie

### Before & After School Care

Limited Places Available

Before and after school child minding for a small pod of children attending Caragh N.S. in my home - Caragh, Naas.

Open 8am to 6pm.

- Garda vetted.
- Fully insured.
- Member of Child Minding Ireland.
- HSE 'Child First' certified.
- Paediatric First Aid trained.

**CONTACT: Dee - 087 289 8368**  
**deirdre@iserve.ie**



### Irish Dancing Classes

Irish dancing classes every Wednesday in Caragh N.S.

Jnr Inf – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class: 2:45 - 3:45

3<sup>rd</sup> Class – 6<sup>th</sup> Class ++: 3:45 - 4:45

For more information or to register for a place contact:

Karen Ryan T.C.R.G on 0876971579



**Please make sure to label all your children's belongings, especially jumpers and tracksuit tops.**

**We have a lot of jackets, tracksuits and bags in our lost property Please come into the school before the 16<sup>th</sup> Sept to claim.**

## After School Activities in the school

Please consult the details below to make the necessary bookings  
Bookings cannot be made through the school.

Day	Activity	Contact
Tues, Wed, Thurs.	Homework club	cnshomeworkclub@gmail.com
Tuesdays	Playball	0861619245
Tuesdays	Speech and Drama	0872750418
Wednesday	Irish Dancing	0876971579
Thursdays	Deirdre Browne Stage School	0868587364
Thursday	Keyboard lessons	0861682084



**KILDARE ACADEMY OF COMMUNICATION**

is pleased to announce the celebration this year of  
20 years of **Speech and Drama** in Caragh.

Classes take place on **TUESDAY** afternoons in Caragh School.

For information, please contact

Eunice Lavelle on

087 275 0418 or [eunice.lavelle@gmail.com](mailto:eunice.lavelle@gmail.com)

### Caragh NS Homework Club



Homework Club in Caragh NS-starting soon!!

Caragh NS is running a Homework Club this year aimed at children from 1st - 6th class and will take place Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for an hour after school.

Under the supervision of teachers, Homework Club provides children with the opportunity to complete their homework in a quiet environment free from the distractions of home.

More information to follow soon. For early registration please email: [cnshomeworkclub@gmail.com](mailto:cnshomeworkclub@gmail.com)

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Age 4+**

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Caragh and Dublin**

**Phone 0868587364**

### Keyboard Lessons

Music classes are available to the children of the school. Students are taught how to read and write the music along with the practical work which is playing keyboard.

If interested in the above please contact:

Nicola on 0861682084

Or email: [nicolajeaney123@gmail.com](mailto:nicolajeaney123@gmail.com)

Students must be 5 years or over.



Clothes Collection Supporting Friends of Calcutta ( CHY No: 13218 ) on Monday, September 19th. All items of clothing, footwear, curtains, towels, bed sheets etc most welcome. The collection is in Caragh Church Car Park from morning - 3pm  
All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087-9073074

### SOULFUL SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHOIR FOR WOMEN

Starting this Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 10am

**\*\*Newbridge Town Hall\*\***

Learn new songs, Meet new people, take an hour for yourself!

*No auditions and no experience necessary*

For more info phone Lisa 086 391 4152

OR email: [soulfulsoundscommunitychoirs@gmail.com](mailto:soulfulsoundscommunitychoirs@gmail.com)