



Three weeks of fun, new friends and being busy!

Since opening on the 1st September, Carlow Educate Together NS has been a busy place. All classes have now settled down into their routine—there are now 24 children in our school, which is great news.

Class News

Aisling has started teaching our phonics program with Junior and Senior Infants. We are using the Jolly Phonics scheme, which is the most up-to-date program available for teaching children how to read. In the coming months, we will host a presentation for parents to show them how the scheme works.

Simon's class have started a project to make a big map of the Business Park. When it's finished we will be displaying it in the foyer so look out for that!

Green School

We are hoping to receive a "Green Flag" award for helping the environment.

Autism Spectrum Disorders Unit

Carlow Educate Together has been appointed as the school in Carlow to host an Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Unit. This is excellent news for our school.

This allows us to offer a much needed service to our town and community as children have to travel over 20 kilometres every day to receive an education.

100-square project

Our 100-square project is up and running now and we have sold a number of canvases. If you know a business that may be interested in donating to the school, please take a 100-square project leaflet in the entrance or talk with Simon. Susan Curley, a member of the school committee is leading this project.

Thus, every classroom in the school has 3 bins—one for paper products, one for compost and another for small bits of rubbish. We ask you to ensure your child(ren) brings home any lunch wrapper, cartons, etc.

School Phone Number

The school has a landline, at last! Our school numbers are: 059-9179453 and 087-3128166. The school mobile is switched off over the weekend so please leave messages.

Jewish New Year

The Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashannah, begins on the 30th September. We will be talking about this festival in class—if you have any questions, please feel free to drop in. In October, we will be learning about Halloween, Samhain and Divali.

School Books

A reminder for parents who have not yet paid for their books, please send

€110 to your class teacher as soon as possible. To those who have paid, thank you. Receipts will be sent out to you as soon as possible.

Information for Parents

A table has been set up at the entrance to the school with lots of information leaflets about our school. Please feel free to take a few to pass on to your friends and family. We also will put any local courses or community events out on the table too.

Voluntary Contribution

Although all schools in Ireland are funded by the Department of Education, schools must still raise funds to keep the school heated.

We have a voluntary contribution scheme running in the school. If you can afford between €3 and €5 per week, please send it in an envelope marked "Contribution". Thanks.

We will be able to offer six children this service. When a child enrolls in the school, we will automatically be entitled to sanction a new teacher and two special needs assistants.

Children that go to the ASD Unit will be able to integrate into the mainstream classes according to their individual needs.

A press release went to all

local newspapers this week and was mentioned in the Carlow People and Carlow Nationalist.

As places are limited, if you know anybody who you think would like to avail of the unit, please tell them to enrol their child as soon as possible. Educate Together operates on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dates for your Diary

1st October—Staff Meeting—All Classes finish at 12:00pm

27th—31st October—Mid-term break— school closed.

23rd December— Winter/Christmas Holidays— school closes at 12:00pm

7th January 2009—school re-opens—staff meeting—school closes 12:00pm

For most up-to-date diary, please see our web site.



Our first compost fill!

Interviews for new Staff

Interviews for new Special Needs Assistants will take place in the school next Thursday. If anyone wishes to volunteer to be a meet and greet person, please see Simon. Interviews will take place between 3:30pm and 8pm so if parents wish to split the hours, that's no problem. New staff will begin on October 1st—one in Aisling's class and one in Simon's.

Parents' Mobiles / Emails

We text and email parents from time to time. Please fill in this form and return to us as soon as you can.

Name of child: _____

Phone Nos: _____

Emails: _____