



Newsletter March 2021

Dear Parents,

We hope that you are all keeping well. By now the children have settled well into school life. We hope that they are happy to be back and enjoying catching up with their friends and schoolwork.

Enrolments 2021: We have received quite a number of applications for enrolment for September 2021. We still have a few outstanding forms to collect. Please return these forms to the school office asap.

Parent Teacher Meetings: Thank you to teachers and parents for engaging with parent teacher meetings during the lockdown. We appreciate a lot of effort goes into the preparation for these meetings. We hope that everyone found them worthwhile.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion: These sacraments will not go ahead as planned in April 2021 and May 2021. Alternative dates have not yet been arranged. We will communicate the new dates as soon as we have received them from Fr. Séan Devereux. Ms. Ryan and Ms. O'Leary are currently working with the Diocesan Officer in preparing the children for these sacraments.

Substitute Teachers: Due to government leave entitlements regarding Covid 19 there has been a number of changes to staffing following school reopening. Securing qualified substitute teachers has been a challenge and will continue to be during these unprecedented times. We will continue to put our best efforts in and thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Return to Education Declaration Form: We understand that some parents had difficulties returning the Google Form version of the Return to Education Declaration form. A hard copy will be sent out to parents tomorrow and for the Return to Education after Illness form. If you have not already done so, can you please fill in the Return to Education Declaration Form and return to your child/children's class teacher. If your child is absent due to illness can you please fill in the Return to Education after Illness Declaration.

Tree Planting: Thank you to Mr. McDonald and our caretaker Declan who organised the planting of beech tree hedging at the back of our school pitch.

Parents Council Clothing Collection: The Parents Council will hold a Clothing collection between 25th and 28th March. Further details to follow.

GAA Skills and Coaching: Unfortunately due to Level 5 Restrictions we have had to cancel our GAA skills with James Flynn and our lunchtime GAA skills provided by local GAA volunteers. It is hoped that these can re-commence when restrictions are lifted in the not too distant future.

Easter Closure: The school will close on Friday 26th March at 12.00pm. To avoid traffic congestion, children in Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First class can be collected from 11.45am along with

their older siblings. Children in all other classes can be collected at 12 noon. The buses will leave at 11.50am. Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh.

Yours Sincerely,

Carol O'Reilly

(Principal)