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Thursday Newsletter 21/01/2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are keeping well. I would like to commend everyone for their tremendous efforts with learning at home. We appreciate the strain that all families are under and we are here to support you as best we can during this time.

Proposed reopening for children needing extra support:

On Tuesday the 19th January, the Department of Education said they were abandoning the partial return to schools scheduled for 21st of January. That said, we feel this is a temporary measure and that this opening will occur in the near future. We will continue with our in-school plans to roll out this reopening. If you were contacted in relation to this, your response has been recorded and remains unchanged. We will update you further when we receive more clarification.

Books to be collected:

A number of school books have yet to be collected. The school is open daily, 9am to 3pm, so please call up and collect these books.

Online learning:

Aladdin is the online platform for delivering learning at home. We are very pleased with the engagement levels so far and our target is to push these levels even higher. We will be sending parents a survey next week and we would really appreciate your feedback as it helps plan and tailor work to suit your child's/children's learning. It is great to see so many parents uploading work.

A reminder that Aladdin will give you two options when returning work to teachers. The first will allow you to attach work and send later. This gives you the opportunity to upload work samples such as photographs and videos throughout the day and then send all the work together to the teacher. The second option allows you attach work and send immediately, however, we would like to remind you that you can only use the send function once a day so we would encourage you to use the first option.

Book Fair Rescheduled:

The Book Fair due to be held in early February has been postponed until late Spring.

Junior Infant Photographs:

We had hoped to have the school photographer to the school during January to take official pictures of our Junior Infants, this has now been postponed until the Springtime.

HSE Screening:

The Junior Infant hearing and eyesight screening is postponed until later Spring.

Information Letter from Dental Clinics:

The school dental programme, operated by the HSE dental service, offers appointments to second and sixth class children in national schools. However due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the programme is significantly disrupted. This means that there will be a delay in getting an appointment for your child. We do not know how long this delay will be, however the dental service is working hard to deal with this situation as best possible given the current circumstances.

Urgent dental care is available from most HSE dental clinics. Please contact your nearest HSE clinic for further information. Alternatively, you can contact the HSE Dental Office in Meath Campus (01 7958160) or Rowlagh (01-7955964/3)

Please see attached, a letter for parents from HSE Dental Service. This letter is also available on our school website.

SIPA:

We would like to extend a heart felt thank you to our PA committee, although we could not hold the annual raffle in the usual way, the children were thrilled with their prizes. SIPA raised **1,224.26 euro** for our school. Well done to all.

Lockdown Learning Gallery:

Check out the '**Lockdown Learning Gallery**' on our school website to see pictures of learning that is happening at home. Parents, remember to send in pictures of your child's/children's **work** and they will be included on our school website. Thanks to Ms. Gregson for organising this initiative.

Check out our school website at www.scoilidepps.com

Being safe online:

Please do not send any pictures of your children, only pictures of their work or projects etc. We want to keep everyone safe, especially online. This is especially important if you are sending video clips of reading or other activities.

School Enrolment:

You can enrol for Junior Infants and all other classes for 2021/2022 through our school website via Aladdin.

I hope everyone is keeping well and managing as best they can, we look forward to seeing you all soon. I want to finish with this thought,

'One kind word can change someone's entire day'

Take care and stay safe,
Catherine and the Scoil Ide team.

A message from the HSE Dental Service

January 2021

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It is vitally important that children continue to look after their oral health by maintaining a healthy diet and implementing an effective oral hygiene routine. We would like to take this opportunity to offer some diet and dental health advice.

- Always brush your teeth twice a day, in the morning and at bedtime for 2-3 minutes.
- A soft/medium toothbrush is recommended.
- Use a pea sized amount of fluoride toothpaste. (At least 1000 ppm fluoride).
- After brushing, spit out toothpaste but do not rinse.
- Change your toothbrush when the bristles are worn or every season.
- The frequency of sugar causes damage to teeth. Sugar should be kept to mealtimes only.
- Healthy snack options include fresh fruit, plain popcorn, plain yogurt, and raw vegetables such as carrots, celery, cheese, pitta bread, crackers and sandwiches.
- Unflavoured milk and water are the only two drinks that are safe for teeth.

The following links are useful sources of information on dental health topics:

<https://www.dentalhealth.ie>

<https://youtu.be/CmJX4GEg-h0>

<http://www.eapdireland.ie/for-parents.html>

Some fun colouring for children: <https://images.app.goo.gl/nakAr9bTad7qJ25v7>

Yours faithfully

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