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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you and your families are keeping well at this time. The school is set to close tomorrow for the Easter Holidays. The staggered closing times are as follows;

Junior and Senior Infants 11:40

1st to 6th A-G 11:50

1st to 6th H-N 12:00

1st to 6th O-Z 12:10

The school is set to reopen on Monday 12th April. School books are being sent home with children this Friday. This is being done as a **precaution**, due to the worsening public health situation and the persistently high daily case numbers of Covid 19. We ask that books are left in school bags untouched during the holidays and they can be returned ready to use on the 12th.

We would really urge parents to lessen their contacts and avoid play dates, sleep overs and birthday parties as these events are contributing to positive cases and causing classes to be kept at home as close contacts are identified.

We would like to thank all those parents who are working so hard to keep Covid 19 out of our school. Using both sides of the road for the staggered start and finish times has lessened the congestion and there is almost no congregation. We would also like to remind parents that queueing for longer than 15 minutes before your designated drop off time is discouraged.

Parents will need to complete the return to school declaration after 3pm on Sunday, the 11th April. This can be done on Aladdin under attendance.

Enrolments:

Introductory meetings for parents via zoom are ongoing and will continue after Easter for those who haven't yet had their meeting. All outstanding paperwork and payments must be returned online before 26th March.

Vaccinations for Infants:

Vaccination forms were sent home on Wednesday for Junior Infants. The HSE are holding vaccinations in the community and not at school. Please return the paperwork to us by Friday and we will forward it on.

Communion and Confirmation Update

Sacrament classes received a letter from the school chaplain, Christina Malone on Thursday 18th. The parish has commenced communicating with parents about the celebration of sacraments.

Seachtain Na Gaeilge

Scoil Ide celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge in style. Check out our twitter page to view clips of our 10@10 as Gaeilge, 1st and 2nd classes dancing the Jerusalema and Ms Sexton's class also treated us to a fierce haka as Gaeilge, the Irish rugby team must have viewed it, with their inspiring win over England last weekend.

All the children looked terrific in their green clothes and they all enjoyed the small parade. The Art competition winners were; **Room 1 Millie Kaczmarek, Room 2 Amelia Klimowska, Room 3 Luka Enica, Room 4 Robert Tariq, Room 5 Holly Canning, Room 6 Zuzanna Kozdron, Room 7 Lilianna Pilch, Room 13 Olivia Malone, Room 14 Jessica Jordan, Room 15 Sarah Hickey.**

Some of our children featured in the Clondalkin Echo as part of their St. Patrick's Day coverage. Thanks to Ms Dempsey for all her hard work organising our SnaG activities.

Easter Raffle

The Easter Raffle will take place at 10am tomorrow live from the school hall. Children will view it live in their classrooms over zoom. Thanks to SIPA for organising this initiative.

GAA Coaching

GAA coaching had been scheduled to return on Friday 19th for 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes with Shane Treanor from Round Towers GAA club, however a directive arrived on March 12th saying external coaches were not allowed in schools. Yesterday, the school were informed that external coaches could work in schools, so coaching will hopefully begin when we return in April.

Carambola Lunch options:

Carambola have added more options to their menu. Parents can log in now to select these new items for delivery after Easter!

6th class girls- a shining example:

Our 6th class girls are certainly adding a few more lines to their CVs of late. In their recent endeavours they have linked in on a project that is going to be part of nationwide study on growing up in Ireland. The girls reviewed and provided feedback about a questionnaire. This study is being carried out by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and wants to get the views of children on their experiences of being a child in Ireland. When the study is completed the report will be included in Ireland's Report to the United Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The girls also recently collaborated with Ms Keane on hearing the pupil's voice and created a survey for children from 3rd to 6th class in Scoil Ide, asking pupils about their experience of online learning.

There's no stopping these ladies!!!

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back after the Easter break and we wish all our families and friends a very safe and peaceful Easter. Take care everyone.



Catherine Keane and the Scoil Ide Team