



Scoil Íde Presentation Primary School, New Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22.

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our Junior infants to 2nd classes have all settled back into school and we are thrilled to be welcoming back our pupils from 3rd to 6th classes on Monday 15th.

Here are some points of information for your attention regarding the reopening for classes 3rd to 6th.

- Parents need to complete the return to school declaration after 3pm on Sunday, the 14th March. This is on Aladdin.
- On Monday children may wear their tracksuit or uniform to school, unless otherwise specified by their teacher.
- Children will arrive and depart school as per their previous times, via the same access route. There are no changes to the staggered arrival and departure times. **ALL Parents need to drop off and collect their children at the correct times.**
- Please note that parents may line up on both sides of the road at our pedestrian entrance.
- Children will continue to follow and adhere to school guidelines regarding prevention and protection against Covid 19 as per the schools Covid 19 Response Plan and Policy.
- Parents must wear masks in and around the school environment. Congregation around school entrances is not acceptable and you will be asked to move should it occur, so please don't be offended, we are trying to keep all children and staff safe.
- The school will be opening with increased ventilation practices, so windows and doors will be open. During times of cold weather, **we suggest you add an extra internal layer of clothing on your child if necessary.** We are doing this to prevent and protect against circulation of the virus.
- Maintaining a physical distance is still very important, during the building closure, our physical distancing ground markings were touched up with paint. We would ask parents to discuss the importance of physical distancing with their children.

We would like to draw your attention to **Section 5** of the Covid 19 Response Plan for the safe and sustainable operation of primary and special schools V3 February 2021, and ask that you read it.

<https://www.cpsma.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Section-5-Infection-Prevention-Control-Measures-.pdf>

Enrolments:

Due to Covid 19, our regular enrolment process is changing. We are holding introductory meetings for parents via zoom from 18th – 25th March. All outstanding paperwork and payments will be requested later this week and must be returned online via Aladdin before a meeting is scheduled.

Communion and Confirmation Update

The Clondalkin parish office will be updating their information regarding sacrament celebration at the end of March. Priority will be given to last years cohort of children who missed sacraments. The restrictions need to be at Level 2 before sacraments can be celebrated.

World Book Day

On Thursday the 4th March we celebrated World Book Day. Staff and pupils dressed up as book characters in celebration. Staff created a masked reader activity for the children, whereby they dressed up in disguise and read a page of a book. The children had great fun trying to discover the identity of the readers. This was enjoyed by our remote learners also.

The children enjoyed DEAR time in their classes. **Holly Canning** and **Leah Piwecka Placuk** from **2nd Class** read poems over the intercom for all the whole school. They were brilliant.

Saule Gaizauskaite from **Ms Sextons class** and **Conor Higgins Gill** from **Ms Finnegan's class** joined Ms Keane for interviews over the intercom about their favourite books. Saule's favourite book is the Little Mermaid and Conor's is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. They both did a terrific job and everyone enjoyed the interviews.

Returning of School Books 3rd – 6th Classes

Children will bring back all their school books on Monday 15th March.

Homework Club

Our homework club recommenced on the 8th of March.

Seachtain Na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations have kicked off in Scoil Ide. The return of deich@deich sees pupils getting an extra activity break in the yard while doing their dances and exercises as Gaeilge, listening to their favourite music.

1. 1st and 2nd classes are learning the Jerusalema dance as Gaeilge.
2. The children are guessing how many sweets are in our pot of gold at our St. Patrick's Day display.
3. Tuesday 16th is St Patrick's dress up day. We have a concert and a small parade planned for children.
4. All children are taking part in an art competition in the school.
5. The school is closed on 17th March, for St Patrick's Day.

Easter Raffle

SIPA are kindly organising an Easter Raffle. The tickets are 2euro and we are limiting the raffle to one entry. So only 2euro is needed, 1 ticket per child. Each class is guaranteed two prizes and the draw

will be done over zoom, where children can watch it live in their classrooms. Money can be brought into school on/after the 18th of March.

Easter Holidays

Easter holidays begin on March 26th. The school will be closing early that day. You will be informed of the staggered finish times that week.

GAA Coaching

GAA coaching returns on Friday 19th for 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes with Shane Treanor from Round Towers GAA club.

Second Class Boys

Boys in our first classes received packs from St Joseph's school last week. Please return the information required to the boys' school via post or by dropping it into the school.

Down Syndrome Day

March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day. Check out this link and watch this wonderful rendition of Aslans 'Crazy World'.

<https://www.independent.ie/life/kids-sing-crazy-world-to-celebrate-world-down-syndrome-day-40181370.html>

'Strength lies in difference, and not in similarities' *Stephen Covey*

The school is committed to providing a safe and healthy workspace for all staff and a safe learning environment for all pupils. We urge parents to work with us as we reopen our school.

For this reason, all correspondence will remain online. Teachers will still make use of the Aladdin portal for communicating and work may be posted also, so please check your Aladdin accounts daily.

We are so looking forward to Monday and cannot wait to welcome ALL our pupils back. Well done to you all over the past few months, it hasn't been easy, but the end is in sight and brighter days lie ahead. Take care everyone.

**Happy Mother's Day, we
hope you all have a great
day.**

Catherine Keane and the Scoil Ide Team

