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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome Back

The children seem to have really settled in school at this stage. The staff would like to say a huge thank you for your co-operation and support in settling your children in. There have been many routines set in place, class timetables are established and working efficiently and Special Ed groupings are taking place. It is a very busy day now for your child. Please ensure they are getting plenty of sleep and aim to cut back on use of devices. This may be a difficult task after the summer holidays but it will be worthwhile.

Start and finish times:

5th and 6th class begin class at 8.50am. They can come up the avenue from **8.40** am. Younger siblings can come up at this time too.

3rd and 4th class begin at 9.00am. They can come up the avenue at **8.50 am.**

Please do not leave your child standing at the gate before their time. Our aim is to avoid crowding and to keep classes apart. We would really appreciate your support with this. At the moment there are too many children congregating at the gate before class starts.

Food Snacks:

Food Snacks start on **Monday September 20th.** Your child's order will be delivered to the school in the morning. You can change it weekly or leave as the same. Please keep your child's username and password in a safe place.

Covid 19 Symptoms and what to do:

I am attaching an updated list of symptoms of Covid 19 and also information on what to do if your child is a close contact. If your child presents with any of these please keep him/her at home. We would like to sincerely thank you for following these guidelines. We understand it is not easy but I can assure you, your efforts are paying off in keeping infection rates so low in the school. If there is a positive case in your household, simply follow the guidelines from the HSE. Please do not panic.

If your child has been absent from school, you need to fill in the **Declaration Form on Seesaw each time.** These is now a facility on this form to fill in the reason why they were absent. If your child is going for a Covid Test, please inform the school also.

Clubs in Kells:

If you would like to forward your clubs details or classes that are taking part in the community, please forward to me by **Monday 20th September** and I will circulate them.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion:

Congratulations to the children from last year's Confirmation class who made their Confirmation on 3rd September. There were two ceremonies - one at 11.00am and 1.00pm. Many thanks to their teachers Mrs Carey, Mr Bird, Ms Briody and Mrs O Connell for their help in preparation. Also a sincere thanks is extended to Fr David, Fr John, Bishop Smith and Bishop Deenihan for their presence on the day.

First Communion will take place on **Saturday 25th September.** Again, one ceremony will be at **11.00 am** and the second one at

1.00 pm. Parents have already received details of these ceremonies.

I would like to extend our appreciation to parents for their patience and understanding when these dates were changed so many times due to restrictions.

School Calendar:

I am also attaching the calendar for school closures for the school year 2021/2022. We would appreciate if you are booking holidays to do so during the school holiday time and not during the school year as every day is precious as we work through the curriculum particularly this year.

Board of Management

Parent representatives on the Board of Management are Niamh O Dea and Carl Morgan. We would like to offer our sincere appreciation to outgoing parents Sue Finlay and Trevor Sheridan who have worked so hard over the past number of years.

