

June 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

We are nearing the end of another school year and what a year it has been! We started this school year with the building works and just when we were settled back into our new surroundings, our world was turned upside down. Everything changed so quickly and there was little time to prepare but we have all worked hard and I am proud of what we have achieved. On behalf of the BOG and staff, I want to thank everyone and to wish you all good health and happiness as we approach our summer break.

Catch Up and Move On

Please do not worry about what you didn’t achieve or what the children didn’t get done. These are unprecedented times for everyone. We will focus on any gaps in learning when the children return to school. Having seen all the work that the staff provided and how well they know the children I am sure you have no doubts about the professionalism and expertise that exists.

Over the summer, spend time talking and listening, reciting number facts and tables and exploring the world around you. Keep it active and keep it fun. If children can talk it, they have a great starting point for writing it. Read books, read everything that you have available. Reading is so important. Tell the children we miss them and we are counting the days until they return to school. The new teachers will be in touch to say ‘hello’ before we return to school.

Farewell P7

We are saying ‘Goodbye’ to our wonderful Primary 7 children and wish them the very best of luck in their new chapter at post primary. We hope to get a chance to celebrate properly in the autumn term.

August/September Arrangements

Following on from the guidance issued by the Minister of Education on Friday, we are preparing for all scenarios but hoping for the best. We want all children to be able to return to school in the new term. The term ‘blended learning’ is now on everyone’s lips. This term describes a mixture of school and remote learning, so your child would be part of a ‘protective bubble’ and attend school 2 days a week then work remotely at home for 3 days while another ‘bubble’ attends for another 2 days with a Wednesday set aside for deep cleaning. If the 1 metre rule for children and the 2 metre rule for adults remains in place it is expected that the ‘blended learning’ model is the only viable option for schools. I am very hopeful that this will change over the course of the summer break.

I will continue to send updates as they arise so look out for these. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us by email if you cannot get through on the phone.

**STAFFING FOR NEXT YEAR 2020/21**

Primary 1-Miss Mulheron

Primary 2-Mrs Kyle

Primary 3-Mrs O Hagan

Primary 4-Miss Kerr

Primary 5- Mrs Mc Cann

Primary 6- Mrs Conway

Primary 7- Mr Morrison

Thank you to Miss Cooley and Miss Whoriskey for their hard work and dedication to the school and children.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

God Bless.

Mrs Bacheta