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### School Community Newsletter

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#### Virtual Choir

Thank you to Ms. Parkinson and Ms. O' Keeffe who are organising a virtual choir – please see the separate information note posted in the Newsletter Section. It is open to all children in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Media Debate

At the moment, there is much debate in the media about what the reopening of schools will look like. The Department of Education along with various representative groups are thrashing out all options. Rest assured that we will plan carefully taking into account official guidelines when they are issued.

#### Maintaining Momentum

As the days get longer and while the weather is still good, you may find it more challenging to engage your child with some of the learning activities. Please consider sending photos/ videos of some work your children are completing for feedback from the teacher. As noted many times, all our activities are optional, but it is important for children to get feedback from their teacher if they are doing some work and that facility is there.

Each week, we will also publish a 'theme' for the week and invite you to email a picture of your child completing that activity. It is totally optional. Ms. Barry will put the photos into a collage and 'Tweet' them on Friday. Last week's theme was 'sport' and you can see the collage pinned to our Twitter page. We hope that you find this week's theme helpful: Baking/ Helping in the Kitchen.

## **Learning Activities**

Thank you to all teachers for submitting optional learning activities for the next two weeks. As always, they are a menu to choose from if you wish. As noted previously, it takes four years to train as a teacher. Please do not put yourself under pressure. Prioritise reading, physical activity and jobs around the house. Thank you to our staff for submitting items to our Twitter account and to Ms. Barry who is running it.

## **Distribution of Books and Belongings**

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, teachers will be in school on a rota to organise all books/ belongings into bags. On Thursday, you can collect them, as per the following timetable:

6<sup>th</sup>: 9am-10am

5<sup>th</sup>: 10am-11am

4<sup>th</sup>: 11am-12noon

3<sup>rd</sup>: 12noon-1pm

2<sup>nd</sup>: 1pm-2pm

1<sup>st</sup>: 3pm-4pm

SI: 4pm-5pm

Jl: 5pm-6pm

Please do not visit the school Monday-Wednesday. There will be no access and staff are attending at different times. We have to follow very strict guidelines at this time. On Thursday, if you park in the church car park please park one space away from any other car. Please wash/ sanitise your hands before coming to the school and follow respiratory etiquette. Adhere to 2 metre social distancing – if there is someone in front of you give them space. Only one adult should come to the school and children should not. We would love to see the children but we have to have the least amount of people possible visit the school. If you are unable to attend at the time given, please ask a friend to pick up the bag. Bags will be passed out through the window of each classroom. We will be on hand to direct you. All siblings' bags will be put together – they will be in the class of the oldest child.

## **Book Rental**

Please keep the book rental books. We will organise a day in late June for them to be dropped off to the school.

Kind regards,

Ger and Mairéad