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School Community Newsletter

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Learning Activities

Thank you to all teachers for the set of work published last Tuesday. As noted, all email addresses have been published for teachers so you can request more work if required, seek advice and support as well as get feedback by taking pictures or videos of your child's work. Further ideas are published each day on Twitter. More specific activities for each class will be published next Monday.

Class Allocation for 2020/2021

Teacher and Class in 2019/2020	Teacher, Class and Room in 2020/2021
Ms. Barry's 5 th	Ms. Cuddy. Ms. Cuddy's Current Room
Mr. Collins' 5 th	Mr. Hickey. Mr. Hickey's Current Room
Mr. Crowe's 4 th	Ms. Barry. Ms. Barry's Current Room
Ms. Gallagher's 4 th	Mr. Collins. Mr. Collins' Current Room
Ms. Collins' 3 rd	New Teacher (To be appointed). Mr. Crowe's Current Room
Ms. Neylon's 2 nd	Ms. Neylon. Ms. Gallagher's Current Room
Ms. Sheahan's 2 nd	Ms. Sheahan. Ms. Collins' Current Room

Ms. Coughlan's 1 st	Ms. Coughlan. Ms. Coughlan's Current Room
Ms. Needham's 1 st	Ms. Needham. Ms. Needham's Current Room
Ms. O' Keeffe SI	Ms. O' Keeffe. Ms. O' Keeffe's Current Room
Ms. Neville's Junior Infants	Ms. Neville. Ms. Neville's Current Room
Ms. Ryan's Junior Infants	Ms. Neville. Ms. Neville's Current Room
JI	Ms. Ryan. Ms. Ryan's Current Room
JI	Ms. Meskell. Ms. Neylon's Current Room.

Support Teachers: Ms. O' Rourke, Ms. O' Donovan, Ms. Carey, Ms. Guckian, Ms. O' Dwyer, Ms. Parkinson and Ms. Collins.

Junior Infants Induction Meeting

This will take place via Zoom. Incoming parents – please email parteenoffice@gmail.com to get the access link, date and time. Please email us by Friday. Please also include your Eircode in the email as we didn't collect it on the registration form and we need it to register the enrolment with the Department Primary Online Database.

Zoom

Each teacher will host a Zoom Meeting with their class. If you wish to take part, you must email the teacher so they have your email address to send the invitation. Please email by Friday. 6th Class have already been in contact as theirs will be an online 'Graduation'. Please note the following to ensure they go smoothly:

Parents/ guardians must email the teacher if they want their child to be part of the meeting. Only parents/ guardians will be sent the link to join the meeting.

All meetings will be password protected.

The invitation must not be shared with anybody.

Screens must be visible.

Real name must be used on the screen.

Parent/ guardian must be present with the child.

Appropriate clothing must be worn i.e. no pyjamas

Appropriate room must be used without traffic passing by and the background must be appropriate.

Be mindful of noise.

Mute microphone when requested.

Leave keyboard alone.

Be respectful.

Don't use chat when teacher is talking.

No food or drink during meeting.

Stay seated. Don't talk on phone.

Be patient.

It must not be recorded/ photos must not be taken.

Pupil behaviour must be in-line with our Code of Behaviour.

Staff will not meet any pupil individually online – parent/ guardian must be present in the room.

Calendar

The school calendar is available on the 'Text-a-Parent' App. Click 'Events' on the top of the screen. During the closure it was constantly noted that schools will reopen in September and we worked off this basis. Some confusion has been caused by An Taoiseach stating schools will open at the end of August. However, we have checked with the DES Circulars and previous arrangements still stand – all schools must complete 183 days and there is some flexibility around start date, extra closures and finish dates:

https://www.education.ie/en/Circulars-and-Forms/Active-Circulars/cl0005_2020.pdf.

Themes

Each week, we are inviting families to take a picture/ video related to our theme of the week. They will be combined and tweeted out together at the end of each week. Please see the upcoming themes:

June 8th: Sports Day. You could try the egg and spoon race, wheelbarrow race, penalty shots etc. at home. There are lots of ideas posted on our Twitter Page today. Please also see here for further ideas prepared by Mr. Hickey : <https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Virtual-Sports-Day.pdf>

June 15th: Random Acts of Kindness

June 22nd: Digital Time Capsule. To end the school year, we are asking each family to send one picture/ video from the time of this school closure. We know how challenging the school closure is, but we all try and remain positive for our children. We will combine all photos videos and this will be our last 'Tweet' for the school year.

School Reopening

As you will be aware from the media, debate about school reopening continues. The recent acceleration of restrictions being lifted give us hope that we may be able to return to a degree of normality. We know the Department of Education are consulting with various groups on reopening and guidance is expected at the end of this week. When this guidance is published we will study it in detail and contact you.

Please note the following that is already in place:

Optional learning activities will continue to be published. Feedback on work, help and extra work if required available from all teachers by email. Extra ideas are published on our Twitter account daily.

SNA's are working with their children remotely.

Distribution of belongings has taken place.

Children who attend support can contact support teachers for individual work by emailing and asking.

School Reports are being prepared as well as IEP/ IPLP Reviews. All will be posted out to you. If you have changed your address please email parteenoffice@gmail.com.

Reduced Classroom fees as per April 20th Newsletter.

Swimming refund by further reduction of classroom fees for classes who missed lessons.

Sanitisers are already purchased.

Teachers and rooms have been allocated as per this newsletter so you can inform your child.

Ms. Ryan has checked what SPHE lessons from the Stay Safe Programme were not completed due to the school closure and these will be covered when we reopen.

We will hold the 6th Class Graduation when we are allowed. A virtual one will take place via Zoom in June. All classes will have a Zoom meeting.

Sacraments

Communion and Confirmation classes have received letters from Bishop Leahy. Please register your child as per instructions on the letter. We will seek further clarifications from the Diocesan Office on details and update you as soon as we know.

July Provision

If your child takes part in 'July Provision', the Minister has, at the time of writing, announced that it will go ahead. When the details are announced, please email parteenprincipal@gmail.com as I will need to sign the forms for you.

Return of Book Rental

Please return the book rental books to the school between 8.30am and 3pm on Tuesday (3rd and 4th) and Wednesday (5th and 6th). June 16th and 17th Boxes will be outside. Please remove your child's sticker with their name from the books.

Please note the following when dropping off books:

If families 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.

Book Rental 2020/ 2021

We will automatically sign all in 3rd-6th up to the Book Rental scheme and collect the money via Aladdin. If you do not wish to participate, email parteenoffice@gmail.com by Friday. It is €20 for Planet Maths, the English Reader, Abair Liom, Grow in Love and Earthlink.

Attendance

March Girls 95.5% Boys 95.2%

Kind regards,

Ger and Mairéad