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School Community Newsletter

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Welcome Back

It is truly wonderful to be back at school. We thank you all for your support and cooperation. The children are a credit to you. Thank you to all the staff in the school for their work in implementing the Response Plan and ensuring there is a happy, positive learning environment.

Response Plan

You were alerted to Response Plan Revision 4 on 19/10/2020:

<https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Response-Plan-4-19-10-2020.pdf>

Any Change from Response Plan 3 is highlighted in red. Please check the plan to ensure you are familiar with your responsibilities. **We appeal to you to not let your guard down and to ensure you fulfil your responsibilities in the following areas:**

Wash your hands video

Lunch box and drinks container sanitising requirements

Temperature check requirement

Uniform requirements

Staggered arrival times

Staggered dismissal time

Sharing rules

Rules around appointments

Money collection

Procedures around school books and supplies

Respiratory and hand hygiene

Children with Masks. **Please note if your child is wearing a mask, a fabric mask should be changed at least every day. Please provide a zip-lock bag for them to place their**

mask in while eating/ drinking as leaving masks on desks is very unhygienic. Please teach your child mask hygiene:

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/posters/Safe%20mask%20wear%20poster.pdf>

Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

As per our Charities Policy, <https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Charities-28-6-16.pdf>, this year we are doing the Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal. This is obviously optional but if you wish to complete it please see the details here:

<https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/>

Zeeko Internet Safety

All children in 1st-6th Class took part in internet safety workshops and the information meeting for parents was well attended on Zoom. It is imperative that you keep yourself informed as more and more children are using devices - see the full Trend Report based on Internet Usage of children in 1st- 6th in Parteen: <https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Digital-Trend-Report.pdf>

Of particular concern is:

57% of said pupils claim they know more about online gaming than their parents

13% of children have been cyberbullied

14% have spoken or chatted to a stranger online

44% had played games with or against a stranger online.

Please read the Trend Report in full and follow the helpful advice.

Anti-Bullying

This week, we will be revising Bullying with all classes, revising our slogan 'Be a buddy, not a bully' and we are doing a pupil survey to check are any pupils experiencing any forms of bullying. We will follow-up on all actions.

Junior Infants

Ms. Meskell and Ms. Ryan will be releasing a video to parents/ guardians via Google Classroom explaining the curriculum, homework etc.

Christmas Performances

This year is the turn of 3rd- 6th Class. Performances will be recorded and will be released to families via Google Classroom on Monday, December 21st at 4pm.

Christmas Present from PA and BOM

As a treat for the children, the Parents Association and Board of Management are purchasing a Folens Christmas Annual for each child in the school. Many of you will remember these from your own childhood. They are filled with Christmas puzzles, stories, jokes and fun activities.

Google Classroom

All children should be fully set up on Google Classroom. If you have any difficulties please contact us now.

Enrolment

On 5/3/2020, the BOM published a revised Admissions Policy in line with national guidance. The policy was sent to St. Senan's Office for patron approval. St. Senan's Office have approved the policy and it is now published on our website: <https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Admissions-Policy-5-3-2020.pdf>. As per the policy, we have published our Admissions Notice here: <https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Admissions-Notice-for-September-2021.pdf>

Please contact Catherine via parteenoffice@gmail.com for an application form. Closing date is February 1st.

Munster Rugby

Munster Rugby will come to do five rugby sessions with 5th and 6th class. Balls will be sanitised before and after each lesson. The coach will complete all the standard Covid-Questionnaires in advance and will wear a face mask for each session.

Ranger Visit

Thank you to Ranger Dave, for completing workshops with children in 4th and 5th. Thank you to the teachers for organising this event.

Puppet Show

Thank you to puppeteer Tommy Baker who recently did a puppet show for 1st class via Zoom sponsored by Clare Arts Council.

Choir

Thank you to Ms. Parkinson for organising this choir event: <https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Choir-News-2-11-2020.pdf>

Athletics Training

Ms. O' Keeffe, Ms. O Donovan, Ms. Gallagher and Louise are currently planning to start after-school athletics lessons for 4th-6th. We thank them sincerely. They will be in contact with individual classes with more details.

Literacy-Lift-Off and Mata sa Rang

Ms. O' Keeffe's 1st Class have now completed Literacy-Lift-Off and Mata sa Rang and Ms. Needham's 2nd Class started on Monday. Thank you to all teachers involved.

Homework Policy

Thank you all who fed back on the Draft Homework Policy. The new policy is available here:

<https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Homework-Policy-19-10-2020.pdf>

RSE/ SPHE Policy

We have revised the RSE/ SPHE Policy. We did not consult with parents as the only changes are to do with teacher planning – there are no substantive changes to content.

<https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/RSE-SPHE-19-10-2020.pdf>

SIP Literacy and Numeracy Reports

Please find an update on Year 2 of our School Improvement Plan for Literacy and Numeracy here. The updates are highlighted in colour.

<https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/SIP-Numeracy-2018-2021-Update-on-Year-2.pdf>

<https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/SIP-Literacy-2018-2021-Update-Year-2.pdf>

Graded Reading in 3rd-6th.

Graded reading is currently taking place in Mr. Collins' 4th class and will start in Ms. Quilty's next week. Thank you to the teachers involved.

Colours Day

Well done to everybody for dressing up for Halloween.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings will take place over the phone on the following dates:

Monday and Tuesday 23rd and 24th of November: 1st/2nd

Wednesday and Thursday 25th and 26th of November: JI/SI

Monday and Tuesday November 30th and December 1st: 3rd and 4th

Wednesday and Thursday December 2nd and 3rd: 5th and 6th.

The class teacher will send you a time in advance. You will receive a call from a private number at that time. It is important you are ready to answer at your allocated time. Every slot will be for 10 minutes so please respect this. The teacher will cover academic progress and social development as normal. **If you have a specific query or concern you would like to talk about at the meeting, please email the teacher in advance so the teacher can gather the information you require.**

Cycling Training

6th class will take part in RSA Cycle Safety training in December. You will receive direct correspondence about this.

Kind regards,

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