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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

The recent easing of restrictions has been welcomed by us all and it has been wonderful to hear the girls talking about meeting up with grandparents and relatives again after the long time apart. There is so much to look forward to in the months ahead. However, we must all still remain vigilant in everything we do in order to ensure that the further reopening of society and the economy continues to go to plan.

Communion and Confirmation

First Communion for this year's second classes has been deferred until the autumn. There have been no further updates in relation to First Communion for the 3rd classes or Confirmation for our 6th class. We will inform you if we receive any further information.

Standardized Tests

Standardized testing has taken place in most classes now. We remind parents that your child's result is just a measure of their performance on one particular day and must be viewed in relation to their performance throughout the year.

School Lotto

Sincere thanks to those who have already joined our new school lotto. If you would like to join, you can do so on: <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/sbc/>

There is a weekly prize of €25 and the jackpot has now increased to €675!

6th Class Graduation

Unfortunately, schools are not in a position to invite parents to attend graduations this year. However, the girls will have their graduation ceremony in school as normal and we will make this as memorable as possible for them. It will be available to parents via a live link. Details will follow.

Booklists

Booklists will be sent to all classes shortly with details on how payments can be made online. All payments must be made by June 23rd. The online payment system makes things much easier for both you and the school and ensures that all books and

materials are ready and waiting for your daughter in September. If you have any queries re same, please contact the school office.

Child Safeguarding Statement Review

The annual review of the Child Safeguarding Statement has now been completed and will be available shortly on the school website.

End of Year Reports

End of year reports will be released via Aladdin Connect in mid June. Please use this opportunity to praise and affirm the efforts and progress made by your daughter, during what was a challenging year for all students. It is also important to note the areas that can be focused on for improvement and the suggestions made by the class teacher as to how you can further support your daughter's progress at home.

Literacy Support for Parents -NALA

The National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA) has a website www.helpmykidlearn.ie that provides suggestions for activities that parents can do with their children to develop their literacy and numeracy. Some of these suggestions might be useful during the summer months.

Blanchardstown Library

Blanchardstown library will reopen for a 'Contact and Collect' service from Monday 8th June. We would encourage all families to avail of this wonderful facility which is on our doorstep. If your child is a reluctant reader, why not try borrowing some audio books. A love of reading is a great gift to pass on to your daughter and also a key skill to enable life long learning.

School Holiday Closure

The school will be closed on Friday 4th June and Monday 7th June.

The school will close for summer holidays on 30th June at 12 noon.

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Paula Dargan (Principal)