



October 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Communion/Confirmation

I would like to congratulate all the girls who recently made their First Holy Communion or their Confirmation. They were a credit on the day and looked absolutely beautiful. Maith sibh a chailíní! We were very proud of you all.

Procedures re confirmed Covid-19 cases

As you know, the HSE is no longer carrying out automatic contact tracing in schools. However, we are conscious that all family circumstances are unique and so, the school will continue to inform parents, if we are informed of a positive case in your child's class. We ask for your continued vigilance in relation to ensuring that your daughter is not sent to school, if she has any symptoms, that may be related to Covid-19.

Weather Station

SBC is delighted to have been chosen to take part in the Fingal Weather Stations for Schools project. We are to receive an automatic weather station, which will produce real time information about rainfall, temperature, wind speed and wind direction. This should prove very exciting for the girls and may even lead to meteorology studies by some girls in the future!

Rugby Coaching

Rugby coaching has resumed for 4th, 5th and 6th classes. It is great to see the girls enjoying this activity again and we look forward to the resumption of other such activities later in the year.

Food Dudes

This initiative encourages pupils to be adventurous and taste a wide selection of fruit and vegetables and to hopefully include them in their daily diet outside of school. It is a wonderful programme and all classes are taking part.

Uniforms/Earrings

Please ensure that your daughter wears her tracksuit to school on P.E. days or days when the class is engaged in sporting activity. On all other days, the school uniform should be worn. Only simple stud earrings are permitted in school and these should not be worn on P.E. days or sporting activity days.

Parent Teacher Meetings

We are planning to hold these in November and will adhere to all DE/HSE guidance in relation to their format. Further details will follow.

Anti-Bullying Policy

The annual review of this policy has been carried out and is now available on the school website.

School Improvement Plan

This year, our focus will be as follows:

- Monitoring Covid procedures
- Continuing to build on communication with parents and developing wellbeing of pupils and staff
- Using Book Creator to develop pupil literacy skills
- Handwriting throughout all classes

Contact Details

It is essential that the contact details you have provided to the school are up to date, so that we can make contact with you at all times. Please check your details on Aladdin Connect and inform the school of any changes.

2021/22 SCHOOL CLOSURES	
October Midterm	<i>School CLOSED from Monday, October 25th to Friday, October 29th inclusive.</i>
N.B. November 12th	<i>School CLOSED for staff training in new Primary Language Curriculum</i>
Christmas Holidays	<i>School CLOSING on Wednesday, Dec 22nd at 12 noon. CLOSED December 23rd to January 5th inclusive.</i>
February Midterm	<i>School CLOSED Thursday 24th & Friday 25th.</i>
St. Patrick's Day	<i>School CLOSED Thursday 17th March & Friday 18th March.</i>
Easter Holidays	<i>School CLOSING on Friday, April 8th at 12 noon. CLOSED Monday, April 11th to Friday, April 22nd inclusive (2 weeks)</i>
May Break	<i>School CLOSED on Monday, May 2nd & Tuesday, May 3rd.</i>
June Break	<i>School CLOSED on Friday, June 3rd, Monday, June 6th & Tuesday, June 7th.</i>
Summer Holidays	<i>Closing Tuesday, June 30th at 12 noon.</i>

We thank you for your continued support and wish you and your family a very happy midterm.

Le gach dea-ghuí

P. Dargan

(Principal)