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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to report that while Covid safety measures still remain in place in the school, there has been a return to some of the normal school activities, such as swimming, Irish dancing, tin whistle and Gaelic training, over the last month. These activities have been welcomed by all and have brought happy smiles all round. We look forward to reintroducing many more activities over the coming months.

Gaelic Matches

The girls on the Gaelic Team have had two matches to date and it has been great to see them out on the pitch again. Many thanks to the parents who assisted with lifts and who supported the girls on the sideline. We would strongly encourage all girls to join their local Gaelic club to develop their skills further and improve their overall fitness.

Absences

All schools are required to keep detailed notes on absences. If your child is absent, it is important that you notify the school as to the reason. The simplest way to do this is through the attendance section on Aladdin Connect. Alternatively you can contact the office. **All Covid related absences should be notified directly to the school office. Seesaw should not be used for this purpose.**

Retreats/Ceremony of Light

Retreats took place on February 14th for 6th class pupils, preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Ceremony of Light will take place in the church on Feb 28th at 7.30 p.m.

First Confession

First Confession will take place in the church for 2nd classes on March 8th at 11.15 a.m. All parents are welcome to attend.

New Weather Station

The school now has its very own live weather station with up to date, accurate information on every aspect of weather in SBC. The weather recording device was installed in the school yard recently and I would encourage you to check out the weather data now available on wow.met.ie.

New iPads

I am delighted to announce that we have recently purchased 25 new iPads. This will mean that each girl will now have access to an individual iPad when digital work is being undertaken in the class. This promises to be very exciting indeed.

School Closure for Staff Training

The school will close on May 13th for whole staff training in supporting pupils with autism. This date replaces the original provisional date given of March 11th.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

We hope to have face to face Parent -Teacher meetings during the week of March 7th. Further details to follow.

2021/22 SCHOOL CLOSURES	
February Midterm	<i>School CLOSED Thursday 24th & Friday 25th.</i>
St. Patrick's Weekend	<i>School CLOSED Thursday 17th & Friday 18th March CLOSED Monday 21st March in lieu of new Bank Holiday on 18th.</i>
April	<i>School closing on Friday April 1st at 12 noon for whole staff training in new Primary Language Curriculum.</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	<i>School CLOSED on Monday, May 2nd & Tuesday, May 3rd. May 13th School CLOSED for whole staff ASD training</i>
June	<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>

Wishing all our families a very enjoyable mid-term break.

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(Principal)