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**June 2022**

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

As we approach the end of another school year, I want to thank you all for your support and co-operation during the year. The last few months saw the gradual and long awaited return to normality in the school. It is wonderful to see the girls moving freely around the corridors again, interacting with other classes on yard, partaking in matches and very importantly, going on school tours. The absence of these normal school activities was difficult for everyone and it has made us appreciate their return all the more.

**Farewell to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes**

We will shortly be bidding farewell to our 6<sup>th</sup> classes. Their Graduation Ceremony will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup> in the school and we are delighted to be able to once again welcome parents to join us on the day. I would like to pay huge tribute to these girls. They have been exemplary in both their behaviour and their work ethic. They are a credit to their families and their teachers and it has been a real pleasure to work with them all year. I have no doubt that they will be a wonderful addition to their future secondary schools and will make valuable contributions in various walks of life in the years ahead. Táimid an- bhródúil astu.

**Orientation Day for incoming Junior Infants**

Our Orientation Day for our incoming junior infant class of 2022 will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Parents are invited to visit the school with their daughter from 1.45 to 2.15pm. We look forward to welcoming you as you start your journey in SBC.

**Sports Day**

Our two Sports Days took place recently, one day for the senior girls and one for the junior girls. The weather held up well and all the girls had a super time. Many thanks to all involved.

**School Reports**

You will now have received your daughter's school report. It is important to take this opportunity to recognize, acknowledge and praise your daughter for the areas she has worked hard in and for the effort she has made during the last year. Each girl's progress is uniquely different but equally worthy of celebration. Remember, '*Praise youth and it will prosper*'.

Each class teacher will have made suggestions on areas which can be developed over the summer, to ensure your daughter

makes further progress and I would encourage you to follow these suggestions. In addition, I would encourage you to read to and with your daughter over the summer. Check out also the wonderful activities that are available through the local Blanchardstown Library. This is a terrific resource on our doorstep and it is free!

**Online book payments**

Payment is still open for booklists for next September. All payments must be made by Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will ensure that your daughter's books and materials are ready and waiting for her in September. If you have any queries re same, please contact the school office.

**Internet Safety**

As we approach the holiday period, when children may be spending more time online, I would encourage all parents to check out the following websites. These will give valuable guidance on ways to ensure that your daughter is kept safe online at all times.

[commonsensemedia.org](http://commonsensemedia.org)

[internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org)

[zeeko.ie](http://zeeko.ie)

[webwise.ie](http://webwise.ie)

**School Holiday Closure**

The school will close on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon for the summer holidays and will reopen again on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The full school calendar is available on our website.

**Thanks and best wishes**

On behalf of the entire staff of SBC, I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable and relaxing summer, wherever your journeys may take you. Take care and enjoy the break and we will look forward to welcoming you back again in September.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to every member of the staff of SBC and to the BOM, whose daily dedication, commitment and enthusiasm make everything possible. We are very fortunate to have them.

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**Le meas,**

**Paula Dargan (Principal)**