



*'Happy to Learn'*

5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians & Pupils,

It seems strange to think that at this time of year we would normally be hoping for a dry day for Sports Day, planning our Leavers' Service, writing reports and looking forward to our Summer Holidays. But as this is the 'New Normal' we have been doing our Sports Day online, trying to organise an online Leavers' Service, we are still writing reports (more to follow on that below) but, for now, it still doesn't look like anyone will be getting a Summer holiday.

### **Education Restart**

To date all schools are waiting on guidance from the Department of Education as to how schools will return to teaching come the start of the new school term. However, in the interim period we have begun to put measures in place (as best we can based on the limited communications we have received) to plan for the return of our children in late August. When we know for sure what this is going to look like we will be in touch with all our families to provide a clear picture as to what it will mean for us all.

### **End of year gifts**

The staff have requested that you do not purchase any end of year gifts. Whilst it is a lovely sentiment we feel if anyone deserves a gift for teaching your children this year, it is you.

### **P7 Post Primary Schools**

Earlier this week our P7 pupils found out where they are going next year and we know that each school is extremely fortunate to have such wonderful children choosing them.

### **Possessions to be collected**

Due to speed at which it was necessary to close the school in March it was not possible to ensure all possessions went home therefore the school will be open next week for school books, PE kits etc. to be collected. Collection dates and times are as follows:

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – 9.00am – 12.00pm - Nursery – P4
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – 9.00am – 12.00pm – P5 – P7

***Nursery to P4 children with older siblings may collect as a family on Wednesday to save 2 trips to school.***

### **Reports**

Reports will be issued to parents via email on the 25<sup>th</sup> June. Please note that the content will only be based upon the time your child was in school in order to be fair to everyone. Attendance % will be based on attendance up to March 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Outdoor Classroom**

Looking to the future, with the support of our PTA, we have started to gather resources to create an 'Outdoor Classroom'. Obviously, our school is blessed with unrivalled grounds and as we look to adapt to a new form of teaching we intent to make greater use of our space. We will be in touch with all families as we may need some expertise in particular areas as we develop this.

### **Holiday List 2020/21**

The holiday list for next academic year has been uploaded to the school website. Please understand that this may be subject to change pending the outcome of guidance provided by the Department of Education.

Thank you again to all those families who have been supportive of home schooling and have been in contact with their class teacher via SeeSaw. As we all know, these are uncertain times and it is important that we provide as much structure and nurture to our children as possible. We don't know what the future holds yet for us all but please be assured that we will continue to strive to provide the best for your children now and going forward.

Thank you for your continuing support,

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