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16/4/21

Dear Parents,

We have had a lovely week back in school helped by the wonderful weather. As we embark on our third term I draw your attention to the following:

1. Teachers will be providing feedback on two pieces of your children's work each week- one Literacy and one Numeracy. Please read through the comments with your child and do two things:

Ensure that your child makes a response to the teacher about the feedback.

Remind your child about the teacher's pointers and explain that he/she needs to try to remember and incorporate these into future work.

If we think about it logically, the reason for teachers marking work is to bring about improvement in pupils' work. We feel that your reminders to your children about what the teacher has suggested, will help us achieve this.

2. Handwriting-

A priority for this term will be to work on cursive (joined up) writing. Prior to our first period of lockdown we had spent 3 years working on this and had achieved great results. Now that we are back in school, this is a priority again. The teachers will be posting the font we use on Seesaw and we urge you to have your child (ren) practise a little each day- eg if they are writing out their spelling words or writing sentences for spelling etc- this would be a good way of practising for P3 and P4. We would hope that P5,6 & 7 pupils will begin to use it more frequently, moving on eventually to using it all the time. Some P6 & P7 pupils are already there but we urge all children to make a conscious effort. We will be emphasising this during school, so your reinforcement at home will be great.

3. I have been asked to remind parents travelling on the school bus to wear masks.

4. School closures for Term 3:

There will be no school for pupils on:

Monday 3rd May

Tuesday 4th May

Thursday 27th May

Friday 28th May

Monday 31st May



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5. First Holy Communion Update:

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Mr Byrne's class will be held on Saturday 22nd May at 11.30 in Cathedral.

Mr Clarke's class will be held on Saturday 22nd May at 1.00pm in Cathedral.

Details re number of guests etc will be released at a later date as will details re the sacrament of First Confession.

In the meantime, we have been practising Mass responses with our pupils each day and they are, naturally very unsure, given that most have not been at Mass for a very long time. Now that the churches are open again, it would be wonderful if you could take your child to Mass, so that he/she can become accustomed to every -thing again.

6. Confirmation Update:

We are looking forward to our P7 pupils receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, next Friday 23rd April. They are preparing wholeheartedly and I urge you to take them to Mass this weekend if that is possible. We have been practising the Mass responses as well as undertaking the actual sacramental preparation and it would be great to have the children experience and practise these within the context of an actual Mass, before their sacramental date.

I know that the teachers have posted prayers on Seesaw, please help your child to learn these.

I conclude by wishing you all a great weekend,

Yours in partnership,

Mrs Monaghan