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November Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Covid-19

As society is continuing to open up, it is very important that we all continue to be vigilant in adhering to the public health guidance in an effort to minimise the risk of the transmission of Covid-19 in school.

Please do not send your child to school if they have any symptoms of Covid-19 which are:

- a fever (high temperature – 38 degrees Celsius or above).
- **a new cough** – this can be any kind of cough, not just dry.
- shortness of breath or breathing difficulties.
- loss or change in your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- fatigue
- aches and Pains
- sore throat
- headaches
- feeling sick or vomiting
- diarrhoea

If your child has any of the symptoms above, you should monitor them at home for 24 to 36 hours and contact your GP for advice.

Do not send your child to school if they are:

- a close contact of a person with Covid-19
- awaiting a test
- living with someone who has symptoms of Covid-19

If your GP sends your child for a Covid-19 test, your child should remain at home until a negative result is received.

If Covid-19 is not detected from the test, they can return to school once their symptoms are clear.

If Covid-19 is detected, they must self-isolate and follow instructions from public health.

If a child, parent or sibling should test positive for Covid-19 please inform the school immediately.

If you have been informed that you or your child have been identified as a close contact, please inform the school.

All information will be kept in confidence.

Parent Teacher Meetings

The Parent Teacher meetings to discuss your child's progress will take place by phone again this year.

- Our plan is that the class teacher will contact a parent / guardian of each pupil on the school phone at a pre-arranged time on an appointed day.
- Each parent will be given an allocated time slot as we have done in the past when meeting face to face.
- The Phone Meetings will take place over a period of three weeks on dedicated days as scheduled below.
- Appointment Times will be sent home to you one week prior to your appointment time.
- Meetings will begin at 15:10 and conclude at 18:00.
- Meetings must be kept to 10 minutes and a further meeting can be arranged should the need arise.
- Class Teachers of Pupils in Cairde Classes will be in contact with parents directly and arrange appointments.

Week 1	Ms. Brennan Rang IV & V	Mon. 15 th November Wed. 17 th November
	Mrs. Reid Rang V & VI	Tues. 16 th November Thurs. 18 th November
Week 2	Ms. Mc Mahon Rang I & II	Mon. 22 nd November Wed. 24 th November
	Mr. Garvey Rang III & Rang IV	Tues. 23 rd November Thurs. 25 th November
Week 3	Mrs. Mc Kenna Junior Infants	Mon. 29 th November Wed. 1 st December
	Ms. Grant Senior Infants & Rang I	Tues. 30 th November Thurs. 2 nd December

School Closing

Please note that the school will be closed on **Wednesday 24th November**.

This is to facilitate whole Staff training in the Primary Language Curriculum which is being delivered by PDST in the Department of Education.

GAA Coach

Eamon Hughes from Monaghan Coaching and Games Committee will deliver a seven week programme to all classes every Tuesday during school hours, beginning today Nov 2nd.

All coaching sessions will be delivered outside, as per Department of Education guidelines.

Confirmation

The dates for Confirmation for 2022 have been published on the Diocese of Clogher website.

Confirmation for the Parish of Clontibret is arranged for **Sunday 1st May @ 3pm in St. Mary's Church Clontibret**.

Christmas Card Fundraising

With Christmas fast approaching, we decided to be extra creative this year and have all of our wonderful pupils design and create their very own Christmas card.

The children have been very busy before Mid Term and all of the art work has been submitted for printing.

The designs created are fantastic and I'm sure you are all excited to see the finished result.

Every child will receive a free sample card with their very own barcode. Packs of your child's card will be available for you to purchase if you wish.

Information on how to order will be sent home with the free sample card in the coming days.

School Policies

- The Child Protection Policy has been reviewed and updated in line with the Children First Guidelines.
- The school's Anti-Bullying Policy will be reviewed over the coming weeks.

Teaching & Learning

We are continuing to focus on the following curricular areas for this school year.

Mathematics:

- Understanding and recall of Number Facts
- Understanding and use of Maths language
- Problem Solving – Methodologies & Understanding

Literacy:

- Reading & Comprehension
- Vocabulary Development

Gaelige

- Gaeilge Neamhfoirimiúil – Conversational Irish

SPHE – Social Personal & Health Education

- Stay Safe
- Well Being & Resilience
- Anti – Bullying

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Aidan Mc Kenna, Sixth Class and Daithí Casey McSkeane, Third Class who were winners in the recent Monaghan Credit Union Poster Competition.

Aidan won first prize in his category and will go on to the second round of the competition and Daithí won second prize in his category.

Congratulations boys! Well done!!

Lotto

Many thanks to all who have participated in the Clontibret Development Association Lotto. The first draw will take place this evening. Results are published in the Clontibret Notes in the Northern Standard every week.

We look forward to your continued co-operation and support.

Yours respectfully,
Elizabeth Moorehead,
Principal