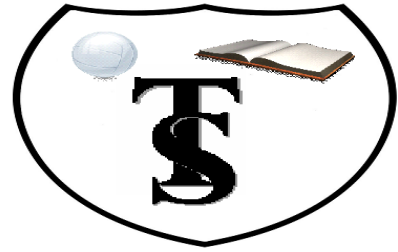


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Dear Parents,

7th January 2022

I hope you have had a peaceful Christmas and on behalf of all staff and governors I would like to wish all our families a safe and healthy New Year.

I would like to take this opportunity to very much thank all our parents, families and members of our school community who supported our Christmas Raffle, we raised an outstanding amount of £1124.00. I would like to pay tribute to our pupils who worked extremely hard to sell tickets and I would also very much like to thank the members of the "Friends of St. Teresa's" who helped prepare the fabulous Christmas Hampers.

The amount raised is a testament of our school family's commitment, dedication and generosity to St. Teresa's Primary School, Tullyherron.

We plan to purchase new Outside Play Equipment which will be used by all our pupils in the Foundation Class, KS1 and KS2 classes.

Unfortunately, as we begin this new School Term, Coronavirus and particularly Omicron is widespread, so it is very important that we rigorously implement our COVID protocols.

Please remember to social distance and wear a face covering in the school grounds. If your child(ren) is/are displaying any Coronavirus symptoms, please keep your child(ren) off school and complete a lateral flow test. If they test positive you will have to follow PHA guidance and contact the school. If they test negative, they can return to school as long as they are not displaying any COVID symptoms (high temperature, continuous cough and loss of sense of taste or smell).

If a close contact of your child(ren) i.e. someone who lives with them tests positive for COVID you must keep your child(ren) off school and complete a lateral flow test. They can return to school if they test negative, have no COVID symptoms and continue to complete lateral flow tests daily for ten days. If they test positive on a lateral flow test, they will have to isolate. Children under 5 do not have to take a PCR test unless advised by a doctor but should not attend school if they have COVID symptoms or have tested positive on a lateral flow test. If you are unsure if your child(ren) should attend school, please contact Mrs Mc Court and she will advise on the actions you should follow but children should not be coming to school if they are feeling unwell. Remember that if your child(ren) test(s) positive for COVID they may have to isolate for 10 days however if they have two negative lateral flow test results on days six and seven and have no COVID symptoms they may return to school. It is very important that parents contact the school before their child(ren) return to school to confirm that they have followed PHA guidance.

Class teachers will arrange work for child(ren) which can be collected from school if appropriate i.e. literacy and Numeracy activities and Reading Book(s) while they are isolating. I would like to thank all families who have already followed the guidelines and thank everyone for your anticipated cooperation during the next few weeks/months which could be very challenging for us all. It is imperative that we all work together to protect ourselves and others. Thank you.

Admission of New Pupils 2022/23

RECEPTION & PRIMARY ONE APPLICATIONS FOR 2022/23: Online applications for Reception and Primary One children via the Education Authority's website (www.eani.org.uk/admissions) are available to complete from Monday 10th January 2022 until 28th January 2022 (12 noon). The Department of Education has once again advised schools not to host Open Days for prospective families and Reception/Primary One children.

We have posted a short video on our website which will give parents a glimpse of life in our school with information included regarding the admissions process. Please encourage all prospective parents/guardians to visit our website to learn more about our school.

Parents/guardians can also contact the school to chat with me or arrange an appointment, to come and walk around our school

Below is list of Events and School Holidays for Term 2 and Term 3 2022:

Monday 10 th January-28 th January 2022	Reception and Primary One Admission Applications are available online (www.eani.org.uk/admissions).
Tuesday 11 th January - Tuesday 12 th April 2022	Healthy Kidz Coaching resumes for Term 2, cost per pupil is £1.50 each week on the Healthy Kidz App. (A total of 13 weeks)
Friday 14 th January 2022	The Relax Kids Programmes resumes for Term 2, cost per pupil is £1.00, paid to the Class Teacher. (A total of 10 weeks)
Tuesday 18 th January	Primary 5, 6 & 7 Internet Safety Workshop hosted by REIM.
Thursday 20 th January	A Parents' Internet Safety Information Session hosted by REIM via Zoom. (Further information will follow)
Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th January	Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday 15 th February - Friday 18 th February 2022	Mid-Term Break and Staff Training -School re-opens on Monday 21 st February 2022

Friday 4 th March	World Book Day-Pupils are invited to dress-up as a Book Character
Thursday 10 th March - Monday 21 st March	The Travelling Book Fair will be visiting our school, pupils will be invited to purchase books. Children may use their World Book Day Vouchers.
Wednesday 16 th March	Green Day - Pupils are invited to dress in Green and we also invite all children who attend Irish Dancing classes to demonstrate some of these traditional dances in school.
Thursday 17 th March and Friday 18 th March 2022	St. Patrick's Day Celebrations- School re-opens on Mon. 21st Mar.
Thursday 14 th April @ 10.30 am - Friday 22nd April 2022	Easter Holidays begin on Holy Thursday 14 th April @ 10.30 am - Friday 22nd April (Inclusive) School re-opens on Monday 25 th April
Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd May 2022	May Bank Holiday and Staff Training
Sunday 8 th May 2022	The Sacrament of First Holy Communion at 1pm in St. Teresa's Church, Tullyherron
Sunday 15 th May 2022	The Sacrament of Confirmation at 1pm in St. Teresa's Church, Tullyherron
Thursday 2 nd & Friday 3 rd June 2022	Bank Holiday
Thursday 30 th June 2022	Summer Holidays - School finishes at 10.30am

Thank-you for your continued support and co-operation,
Yours Faithfully,
Sinead Mc Court

