



"SCÉALTA"

(Dec '20)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the December newsletter. As we exit Level 5 restrictions and begin the month of December, it is important to pause and reflect on the three months that have passed since Scoil Eoghain reopened its door on the 1st September. Like many school communities up and down the country there have been significant difficulties and challenges in the areas of logistics, staffing and many other organisational matters. Like other schools we too have had to deal with positive cases presenting within the school and obviously the impact of this extended to those deemed close contacts and asked to restrict their movements etc. Despite this we take comfort in the fact that zero transmission within the school setting has occurred. This is as a direct result of people doing all the right things when showing symptoms or being named as a close contact. It is also a direct result of staff being extremely vigilant and perhaps most of all the children who are being absolutely brilliant in their compliance with all that has been asked of them through this very prolonged difficult time.

Zero transmission is a record that we would very much like to keep and in order to do this we shall need everyone's help. Below are a few key points that we would want people to continue to follow;

1. If a child is in any way symptomatic, keep them at home.
2. Frequently remind your child of the importance of good hand hygiene and sanitising.
3. Limit unnecessary contacts.
4. Do not arrive to school prior to 9.00 am, be prompt and punctual at pick up time whilst respecting others space.

Christmas Jumper Day

Obviously, many of the charity drives that the children are traditionally involved in at this time of year cannot take place, so we have decided to hold a Christmas Jumper Day fundraiser (optional) on **Friday 18th December 2020**. The proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards St. Vincent De Paul and other charities.

Christmas Holidays

The school will close for the Christmas holidays on **Tuesday 22nd of December at 12.00 noon**. The school transport has been arranged accordingly. The school will re-open on **Wednesday 6th January 2021**.

Home School Community Liaison (HSCL)

We would like to thank all the parents that took part in the on-line Fun Fitness programme over the last four weeks.

Pupil Absences

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please inform the school with a written explanation following their absence. This is to assist us fulfil our legal requirements surrounding attendance monitoring.

Attendance

Attendance for September –91.7% October –89.9% November –94.4%. Remember every day counts! Well done to all those with good attendance and punctuality.

Parent/Teacher Calls

As a result of the restrictions Parent/teacher meetings will not take place this year, but your child's teacher will have arranged to speak to you by phone.

We would like to welcome Ms. Laura Davenport who will be taking 3rd class until the end of the school year. Also Mr. Shane Ruane who has moved from Special Education teaching to Senior Infants and finally Ms. Bernadette Duffy who has joined the SET team.

Communication

If you are contacting the school for any reason, please do so via phone or email scoileoghain@gmail.com. If you are picking your child up or dropping them off, please do so from the school gate.

Obviously, there will be no play or concert this year, but all classes have been busy with various Christmas activities and celebrating the true meaning of Christmas.

The school has been decorated beautifully for Christmas and we are aware that this year you will not be able to enjoy it, so we have compiled a few photos to give you an insight of how festive it is.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy and safe Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all on the 6th January 2021.

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Liam McDermott (Principal)



