Dear Parents,

We hope you and your children have enjoyed the first couple of months back to school. It has been our pleasure to see their faces each day after so many months at home. We thank you all for your cooperation and support regarding all Covid measures put in place. We welcome Mr Rowe onto the staff for this academic year and wish Ms Carroll a wonderful maternity leave.

HALLOWEEN

We would love to see all children dressed up this coming Friday to celebrate the beginning of the Halloween Break. There is no pressure to have the most amazing costumes, this is just for fun and is sure to bring a smile (or a shock!) to everyone face. Commercial, home-made, and easy peasy outfits, all welcome!!

BOXERCISE PROGRAMME

We are delighted to announce School Fitness Ireland will be coming to us over the coming academic year. After Midterm we will partake in a Boxercise programme for 5 weeks. In the New Year we will also have 5 weeks of Dance and 4 weeks of gymnastics lessons. We hope this will provide something to look forward to for the children in the coming months.

The cost of the Boxercise sessions will be finalised soon and 3rd and 4th children in the family go free!

COVID 19

We thank you all for doing your utmost to follow the rules. Please continue to show your children cough/sneeze and hand washing etiquette at home. We ask that you label all jumpers coats etc to ensure we don’t have to go classroom to classroom to find out who owns belongings. We ask that you label all stationary etc for same reason. Please ensure that your child is not taking in footballs, toys, trading cards etc in order to reduce risk of transmission. We encourage the wearing of masks in and around the school grounds if out of your cars at pick up and drop off time. Lastly, if your child is ill we advise always erring on the side of caution and making the call to the GP or Public health.

GREEN FLAG

We received out 4th Green Flag last month. Thank you to Ms Harte for all her hard work last year on this.

CLOTHING

Please ensure your child has weather appropriate outerwear to school each day. Warm coats, scarves, hats and gloves will be needed over the coming weeks and months. Again we ask that you label everything. Also if your children are assigned a grassy area to play (5th and 6th class) it may be appropriate to take in a change of shoes and socks in a plastic bag or water proof footwear.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

These will be conducted over the phone in November. You will receive your date and time after the Mid Term Break.

If you need to speak to a class teacher please arrange this over email as face to face meeting cannot be facilitated at this time.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

We will be setting up an online payment system to avoid the handling of money and cheques in the office in the coming month. We need you to ensure that you have provided the office with an up to date email address and mobile number. This can be done by emailing the school on [drumconrathns@yahoo.ie](mailto:drumconrathns@yahoo.ie).

We advise that you download the Text a Parent app onto your phone also.

STAGGERED DROP OFF AND COLLECTION

This will continue for the foreseeable.

Opening Time:

Reminder - school opens at 9.10am and staggered drop offs until 9.30am to avoid congregation. The school cannot accept responsibility for pupils before this time.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ms. Carroll and her family on the birth of her baby girl Grace. Health and happiness to you all.

THANK YOU

Our cleaner of 12 years, Catriona, has finished her service in our school. We thank her immensely for her loyal service and hard work.

We also thank Fr Connaughton for buying class sets of the Grow in Love Religion Programme for our Rental Scheme. We look forward to using these for many years to come.

We wish you a safe and fun Halloween.

Edel Woods

Acting Principal