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Newsletter January 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that this Newsletter finds you well. It is hard to believe that January is almost over. I hope that 2022 has gotten off to a good start for you all.

As Spring is fast approaching there is a renewed sense of hope and the possibility of many things returning to a somewhat normality for us all.

General Reminders

Parking /Set Down Area - Can we ask all Parents to continue to cooperate and follow Set Down Procedures /Use the GAA Car park. We ask that everyone slows down on the Campus, that children exiting cars do so on the side of the footpath.

Punctuality - School Starts at 8:15am . February we will be monitoring punctuality closely. Please make sure that your child arrives at school on time, as valuable learning can be missed out on if a child is consistently late.

Healthy Lunches- We operate a Healthy eating Policy in our school. Please make sure your child is bringing a healthy lunch to school each day.

February Midterm - The school will be closed the week of the 21st- 25th February as this is the Midterm Break. Also due to the extra Bank holiday that has been added this year on the 18th March, The school will now close for the Summer Holidays a day early on Weds 29th June 2022.

Covid 19 - At the minute we are following current guidelines for schools from the HSE/Dept of Public Health. We are keeping parents informed about cases in each class and sending on links for Antigen tests so that Parents are kept up to date and so that you can test your child (This is extremely important in classes where there are a number of cases) . We will continue to keep Parents up to date and if any guidance or advice changes we will make sure the school community is informed.

School Committees - We have started back many of our student committees such as the Amber School Committee (Mental Health) , The Green Schools Committee , The Active Flag Committee and our Student Council. The student voice is something that is very important to us in our school . Over the coming weeks please check the website to keep up to date with News from these committees.

ISL Programme - Our school is taking part in a new Primary Language Pilot. Children in 4th and 5th Classes will have the opportunity to learn ISL (Irish Sign Language) for a period of 6 weeks. We are very excited to get started with learning this new language.

We hope to be able to look at booking tours and trips for our students in the coming months following more updates from the Dept of Education/Public Health.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Stay Safe,

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