



Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2020

Dear parents/ guardians,

As we enter the last month of the current academic year, we are grateful that the sun continues to shine and bring brightness to a time which will be remembered for the great upheaval and anxieties caused by the pandemic.

I want to thank you for continuing to encourage and support your children with the learning activities being delivered by teachers via Seesaw and in the numerous packs that have been collected by parents for children to complete at home since the middle of March.

Later in the month, I will invite parents into the school to collect the pupils' annual reports and class books from throughout the year, and I would ask that you ensure any reading books/novels sent home from the school to support your child's reading at home are returned upon request before the end of June as well.

We are continuing to work to prepare the school building for the return of our children for the new term, though you will appreciate that any plans will be guided by the direction yet to be provided by the Minister and Department of Education. As soon as I am in a position to do so, those plans will be shared with all of you.

For this final month, we have introduced a number of initiatives to try and engage the children and yourselves in a fun and innovative manner, including our virtual Sports Day, Recitation Day and Movie Night initiatives that you will hear more about in the days to come. We have also set ourselves the ambitious target of hitting the 100 million words threshold in Accelerated Reader with the promise and incentive that it will bring the reward of a day off home schooling for all of our children- and parents!

I would urge you to continue ensuring that your child maintains his/her focus on completing the learning activities set by the class teachers every day for the rest of the month. As things stand, it is almost certain that the return to school in late August will involve a continuation of home learning alongside classroom learning. Consequently, it is vitally important that your child does not fall out of the good habits established to date of completing activities in the home each day, though I appreciate how challenging this can be at times.

I am in the school every day so please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns. Thank you once again for your support.

Kind regards,

C Donnelly  
Principal