

# St. Patrick's N.S

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Dear Parents/Guardians

As February begins we can see signs of spring on the horizon and in a few short weeks it will be midterm break. Thank you all for your continued support during what has been an incredibly challenging 2 years for everyone.

Jennie Kirwan

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## **Covid-19**

Although many areas of society are reopening, the guidelines for Primary schools remain unchanged **until at least 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**. We will be in touch with any updates as soon as we receive them.

## **Covid-19 guidelines update**

As you are aware, there have been some significant changes in the Covid-19 guidelines in relation to isolation periods and close contact information. Please check the HSE website for the most up to date information and contact the school for clarification if you are unsure.

It is important to note, that irrespective of what illness your child has, they should remain at home until they are 48 hour symptom free, this is to help prevent the spread of any illness to the wider school community. We must be mindful of any type of illness that could spread throughout the school if not managed correctly.

## **Return to School Declaration**

Please ensure that you complete a return to school declaration for your child if they have been absent from school for any reason.

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## **Upcoming School closures**

### **Midterm break**

School closes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February at normal closing time for midterm break.

School will reopen on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February at normal time.

### **St. Patrick's Day & weekend**

School will be closed on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March for St. Patrick's Day & Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March due to extra day granted by Government. School will reopen on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at normal time.

### **Easter holidays**

School closes on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am

School will reopen on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at normal time.

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You should also inform your child's class teacher on the morning of absence, by email, if you know your child is sick or will not be attending school for any reason.

### **Masks 3<sup>rd</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Class**

We have a small supply of extra masks in school if your child forgets to bring one, however, we would ask you to encourage your child to pack their own mask when packing their lunches.

### **Contact telephone numbers**

Please ensure you contact the school office to advise of any changes to your contact details or that of childminders. If your child is unwell during a school day it is vital that we are able to contact you as quickly as possible.

### **Morning mile**

Thank you to Miss Furney for continuing on with this great initiative for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class. Thanks also the volunteer parents/guardians too. Please try to ensure that your child arrives at school as close to 8.20am as possible, on the day of the run to ensure they are ready to leave the school at 8.30am with their class.

### **Bookfair**

The annual bookfair will return this March and run from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. More information to follow soon. Thanks to Claire Kelleher for organising this event.

### **5th & 6th Class – Under the Sea**

5th and 6th Class have been busy with their SESE theme of sea life around the world. They have been learning about a variety of sea plants and animals in Science, the Irish coastline in Geography and creating mixed media jellyfish in Art. They have also been working hard to create individual mini projects all about their chosen sea creature. One of the highlights of this topic has been watching an interesting documentary called 'Diving With Dolphins', where they have learned about the habits of dolphins and whales in South Africa, the Bahamas, Hawaii and Florida. From tiger sharks to axolotls, 5th & 6th Class have become experts on all things under the sea!



## **In other news**

### **Pyjama, Popcorn & Play day**

On Friday February 11<sup>th</sup> 2022, we invite all pupils to wear their pyjamas to school. The teachers have planned a fun day to say well done for all their hard work!

### **Junior & Senior Infants**

Mrs. Drake's class have been learning about penguins & zoos.

This week they have been designing their own zoo with Lego, animals and artistic creations.

