



Dear Parents/Guardians

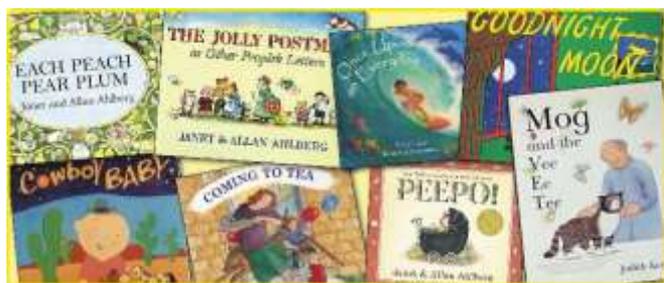
Well done to all of the children on another great week in school. Myself and Ms Joyce had the opportunity to visit the classrooms during the week and it is lovely to see all the fun the children are having!

It was a big week for our new junior infants and the new children in the Lighthouse who had their first full week – the children were fantastic and I am sure they are very tired as they have learnt so much in such a short space of time. Ms Comerford will arrange times for our pre-schoolers in the Lighthouse next week and the junior infants will move to a slightly longer day with the 8:50-9:10 start time, finishing times will stay the same for now.

School Insurance – Please read attached information note carefully in relation to school insurance. Payment can be made through Aladdin payments.

**Covid Update** – This year the Department of Education in consultation with public health have changed some of the protocol around contact tracing in schools. They have analysed the data from last years' testing and tracing and have identified that schools have had very low levels of transmission. For this reason, going forward when there is a case of Covid in a particular class it may not require a full class excluded from school but rather a smaller group/POD of children who are sitting in close proximity of the confirmed case. This should cause less disruption to learning for the children. It is important to point out that this will mean that teachers will now be required to cater for children in the classroom and at home at the same time which may result in a slightly different approach to distance learning. The teachers will continue to use Seesaw for the home learning however. I will always inform parents from the entire class when there is a positive case in their child's class this year again.

*Sacraments – All children from our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes who are due to make Communion should have received communication from Ms Brett early in the week. The First Confessions, Communions and Confirmations from last year will take place in the coming weeks. We are delighted for the children who have waited so long for their special day. Photographs for all Communion children will be taken on 27<sup>th</sup> September, Ms Brett will be in touch with further details.*



**Children's Books** – Some of our class libraries are in need of more books! If you have any books that your children have grown out of we would be very grateful of any donations of books in good condition and will certainly put them to good use. Books for all age groups are needed. If you have any books you can send them in with your child or drop them at reception. Thank you for the support.

Reminder that **all children in mainstream classes should be in before 9:10**, children arriving after this must come to reception where the arrival time and reason will be recorded. Early collection cannot be accommodated apart from exceptional circumstance and with prior notice. Collection of children can be very disruptive to their learning, the learning of others and the school office. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

*Please continue to be vigilant in observing possible symptoms of Covid 19 at home and refer to all of the documentation on our website if you have any concerns about your child. **There is a guide 'Should I send my child to school?', which is in line with current HSE guidelines, available on the Covid tab on the school website (www.saggartns.ie).***

Kind Regards

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