

Newsletter – 19th November



Dear Parents,

Well done to all of our children for great work again this week. There are lots of lovely things happening in the rooms across the school. The photos here give an insight into the imaginative play happening in our infant rooms!



Contact Tracing and antigen test update – Following announcement yesterday the system in school has changed. From November 29th parents are now requested to inform the school once their child has tested positive for Covid 19. The school will then identify all children who sit at the same pod/group in the class and notify those parents. Parents of these close contacts can decide if they would like to order free antigen tests from the HSE. Children are not required to take an antigen test and they can continue to attend school once they are not displaying any signs of Covid 19. If a child has a positive antigen test they should isolate and request a PCR test through HSE.

Staffing shortages - As reported through various media channels, there is currently a shortage of substitute teachers and SNAs, particularly in Dublin. While we generally source our substitutes through a supply panel and from a bank of substitutes who have worked with us before, there are days where our special education teachers are redeployed to teach mainstream classes. This is a situation that only arises after we have exhausted all other avenues as we are mindful of the impact this has on some of our most vulnerable children. Thank you for your understanding and thanks also to the staff for their flexibility as we navigate unprecedented times.

School Calendar: Please remember to order your Calendar this week, final orders will be sent to the printers by Wednesday next week. We hope to use the funds raised to increase our literacy and wellbeing resources in the school.



Reminder – The school will close for a staff training day next Wednesday, 24th November.

Kind Regards

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Principal

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Acting Deputy Principal