Newsletter – 14th January 2022

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to let parents know that The Lunch Bag are bringing their service to our school. The Lunch Bags' mission is to empower children to care for their future-self through educated, healthy food choices. The service allows children the opportunity to sample a wide variety of foods each day without additional cost or waste to the family. The service is also an opportunity to have Covid sterile lunches brought directly to the classroom. All children in the school will bring home an Intro bag on Wednesday the 16 th of February. First lunches will then be delivered Friday the 18 th of February. Please note registration for our school may not be available until you receive this sample bag on launch day. As the safety of children is of paramount importance, The Lunch Bag service ensures that any children with allergies will not be exposed to any product containing that allergen, with the kitchen a 100% nut free facility. This information is all available within the brochures, however, if you have any further queries, just call 043 33 62038 or email info@thelunchbag.ie . This is a fantastic opportunity for the school, and we look forward to seeing the benefits to both children and parents alike. Please take a few moments to review the attached brochure and register.

FRIENDS lessons are beginning in our 2nd and 5th classes this term. This is an evidence based wellbeing and resilience programme proven to have great benefits for children's personal development. We are so lucky to have a large cohort of our staff with FRIENDS training and hope that the children will share the learning experiences at home. There will be elements of the programme with a home-school link where parents can support the learning in school.

Admissions – the closing day for admissions to Junior Infants for September 2022 is January 31st. Please see our website www.saggartns.ie for application forms, our admissions policy and notice. All enquiries relating to applications should be sent by email to admissions@saggartns.ie only.

Attendance notifications – As required by the Department of Education a child who has missed 20 days of school details must be referred to Tusla Education Officer, when it is the case that these absences are due to Covid diagnosis/restrictions this information will accompany the report sent to Tusla. The education officers only follow up on cases where there is a cause of concern arising from unexplained frequent absenteeism. It is important that each parent checks the Aladdin app to ensure that the reasons for absence are recorded correctly. Aladdin generates a text at 15 and 20 days to inform parents of the number of days absent.

Children in 3rd to 6th class are required to wear masks in school unless they are exempt from doing so. Please ensure that your child has a mask with them each day.

Kind regards,

Suzanne Olwill
Principal

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Acting Deputy Principal