



Newsletter No 27

5th May 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As announced on Friday last, school will remain closed for the remainder of this school year. This has caused great upset to many pupils and staff. It is very understandable that your child may be very upset about this news and I am especially conscious of our sixth class pupils who will miss out on many end of year activities as a result. The staff will continue to assess on a weekly basis how we can best support all our pupils at this times. We are upskilling on many levels and will continue to support all pupils and parents in the weeks ahead.

The Board of Management, staff and pupils of Robertstown NS would like to express our condolences to The Hutchinson family on the recently sad passing on Niall Hutchinson RIP. We pray for Emma, Jamie, Leah, Sophie and the extended Hutchinson and Cross families at this time. May Niall Rest in Peace.

I hope you had lots of fun last week engaging in activities during Active School Week. Well done to everybody that took part in the challenges and thank you to those that sent in photos. Louise has added your photos to our website. You can look at your friends having fun on our school website at <http://robertstownns.ie/>

Louise has also set a new weekly calendar of active challenges for this week. This is posted on our website and attached here.

I am aware that some emails (particularly with eircom addresses) are not delivering. If you wish to offer an alternative email address for you, please email robertstownns@gmail.com with your new email address and I will add it to our mailing list. I have updates any new emails received during the week.

This week we are aiming **to roll out SeeSaw to all classes**. Many children are already active on the system and have managed to post completed work to their teacher. You must sign the permission link on Aladdin for your child to use SeeSaw. If you are having any difficulties with Aladdin or signing the permission link for your child, please contact me by email. This platform allows pupils to submit work to their teacher for correction and support. Pupils do not have to engage with SeeSaw. Please see attached a guide to getting started with SeeSaw. Teachers will indicate in the weekly suggested timetable for work what work children could upload for correction and/ or comment.

Bishop Denis has recorded a special message for Second Class pupils who were due to celebrate their First Communion in May. **We have no new dates for Confirmation or First Communion** at this time. His message offers support and advice for Second Class pupils and their parents. The recording can be heard here <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=284722092537437>

This week we are looking for you to send in photos for our **school virtual time capsule** for this time. You can send in photos of activities that children or whole families are enjoying, recipes, artwork, outdoor chores eg Painting fences, gardening, your pets, new hairstyles, nature photos etc Please use



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your imagination here. I attach a link purely for the purpose of offering some suggestions. You are not expected to print this out. Your photos will be uploaded to our website at the weekend.

Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Regards,
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