



Newsletter No 29

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The staff of Robertstown NS has put together a little video clip to let the children know how much we miss them all. The clip is attached. Please show it to your children and tell them we can't wait to be back together again soon. Thank you to Ms. Poole for co-ordinating this production.

We know that children and their parents are finding it hard to keep the motivation going around schoolwork at home. We hope that the link between home and school has improved with the roll out of SeeSaw. The teachers are delighted to see all the hard work that is going on at home. You are reminded to do whatever is possible and appropriate in your individual situation. Please don't feel under pressure to complete suggested work sent by teachers. We have discussed the matter at our weekly staff meeting and we will be changing our planning template a little in June. From June we will be planning some subjects thematically. We will explain this further each week. This is an attempt to forge some link between normal school life in June and the current surreal situation we currently find ourselves in. We hope that the children will enjoy the fun activities we are planning for them.

Louise will continue to set weekly activity challenges until the end of June. We hope you enjoy them. You can access these challenges on our school website at <http://robertstownns.ie/>
I have also attached the challenges for this week to this newsletter.

This week we are looking for you to send in photos for our Robertstown Baking Challenge. We have received photos of lovely home baking in lots of homes. We would like you to send in one recipe per family and a photo of your baked produce. We will upload these at the weekend so that families may try out new recipes next week. **All photos and recipes must be emailed to school email by 3pm on Friday to be included on school website.**

We will keep pupils **from Second Class who were due to celebrate their First Communion** on Saturday next in our thoughts and prayers. There is no confirmation of a new date yet. This will be reviewed in later stages of the roadmap to reopening Ireland. Bishop Denis has asked pupils in Second Class preparing for their First Communion to make a May altar in his address to them last week. The recording can be heard here <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=284722092537437>

We are making plans for a sixth class graduation celebration at present. I will be posting some forms to sixth class pupils during the week. Please return the graduation form to school and the Passport forms should be completed and posted onto the secondary school that your child will be attending.

Well done to our pupil Sadie Bohane who is fundraising for the Asthma Society. Her ideal goal was 10,000 steps a day but that soon changed as some days she was completing over 20,000 steps. To date she has raised €640. Well done Sadie. We are very proud of you.

Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Regards,

Marion Sherlock