



Newsletter No 30

25<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As this week is the last week of May, it is the last week that we are using our current planning template. Following the school calendar, **school will be closed next Monday and Tuesday so we will not be planning work for these days.** The weather forecast looks very promising so the children should be able to spend lots of time outdoors having fun. From next week, we will be reducing the volume of work we will be offering each day. We will also be using a weekly theme to plan fun activities. These themes will be common across the school which should help families with a number of children in the school. The theme will change each week.

The teachers will be busy this week bagging up all your childrens' books and possessions eg coats, pencil cases, baskets etc These will all be packed into plastic bags. **Each family will be allocated a time next Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> to come to the school to collect your goods.** Please note that parents or children will not be allowed into the school. Your bags will be brought out to you. More details will follow during the week.

At the same time that you collect your books, **you are asked to return the books you have at home from the book rental scheme, You will be advised during the week which books to return.** It is important that these books are returned as we will need them next year. Only families that have returned the books or paid the cost of replacing these books will be eligible to participate in school book rental scheme for next year.

We are currently working on details of the book rental scheme and the book lists for next year. Details of both will issue in June. **We will also require payment for the book rental scheme in June.**

A number of families in the school have lost loved ones (family and friends) since school closed on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Losing a family member or dear friend is hard at any time but the situation is made particularly difficult at the moment as families cannot have a normal funeral or grieve in the company of extended family and friends. You are invited to join families in the Robertstown NS community to light a candle for loved ones we have lost next Friday at 8pm. Light a candle and pray or think about those dear to you that you have lost.

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. **We intend to hold a virtual school sports day in June so stay active and ready to participate in the fun.**

This week we are looking for you to send in photos for our **Robertstown NS Virtual Art Gallery.** We would like you to send in one art piece per child that was completed since March 12<sup>th</sup> at home. **All photos must be emailed to school email by 3pm on Friday to be included on school website.**

**Sixth Class Reminder** By now sixth class pupils should have received the three forms that were posted to you last week. Please return the graduation form to school and the Passport forms should



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be completed and posted onto the secondary school that your child will be attending. Please post these forms back today.

**Today is the last day for sixth class parents to tick the box on Aladdin to receive the Confirmation name frame.** You have already paid for this. If you have not ticked to receive the frame today you will be given a refund in June.

Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Regards,

Marion Sherlock