



Newsletter No 33

15th June 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you so much to everybody that took the time to reply to the **survey issued last week**. We had a huge response to the survey. This information offers a wonderful insight into the experiences, needs and expectations of parents and pupils. The response was extremely varied. We acknowledge the huge stress that this term has put on parents and children. Parents and children have responded with enthusiasm to the suggested work issued by teachers. Large volumes of work have been uploaded to SeeSaw. Teachers have to also be commended for the huge effort that they put into planning. This new situation that we all found ourselves in presented challenges beyond the wildest imagination of teachers and parents. Parents need to be reassured that all teachers and schools know that pupils have faced these challenges. Teachers will revise work completed at home in September. Pupils are not expected to have reached any certain standard at home. Every home presents different challenges and please know that, whatever level your children managed to engage with schoolwork at home is sufficient. Secondary schools are also aware that incoming first years did not complete their final term of sixth class in school.

Following analysis of the survey results we will be taking the following measures for the remainder of June:

Teachers will continue to plan and send out suggested work using the current planning template in place. We will plan fun activities in line with our weekly theme. **This week's theme across the whole school is "Places I would Like to Visit"**. We will also offer reduced volumes of suggested work in English, Gaeilge and Maths. Pupils will be asked to send in a short note/ video clip in the final week. Teachers will create a farewell video for each class using these short clips. Active plans and games were issued with our newsletter last week. They are also available on our website.

Please consider your home situation and decide if you wish / are able to continue engaging with schoolwork. Teachers will continue to engage on SeeSaw for those pupils who wish to keep uploading work. If you wish to conclude school work at this stage in the best interest of your home situation, thank you for all your engagement to date. Your welfare and your childrens' welfare are your primary concern. Please be proud of your achievements since school closed on March 12th.

Congratulations to the winners of our Sports Day competition. Please see attached letter.

School reports will issue via Aladdin Connect today. No standardised tests took place in school during the final term so that section is empty. We intend to administer standardised tests in Autumn for pupils from second to sixth class.

The payment link for the book rental scheme was issued last Friday. Please pay online by July 10th if you wish to participate in the scheme. This is the final date that you can pay for the scheme. We will not be accepting cash payments this year. A small number of parents have yet to return books from this year. **Please return these to school on Wednesday or Thursday of this week between 9am -2pm.**



You must return books from this year to join the book rental scheme for next year.

Book lists will be emailed to all classes tomorrow. The class teachers for next year will be on the top of the book list.

Every child will require a large bottle of disinfectant hand gel when school reopens in September. These may become scarce towards the end of August as parents prepare for back to school so it might be advisable to stock up now.

Sixth Class pupils are invited to come to the school with their parent/s on **Thursday next (June 18th)** to meet Mrs. Sherlock and Ms. Magrane. Children will be presented with their t-shirts and certificate of school completion. Please book your 10 minute slot through Aladdin by Wednesday 3pm. In consideration of other pupils in the class, please only come at your designated slot. Unfortunately, we are unable to hold the traditional sixth class graduation this year. Pupils from sixth are invited to join us on zoom with their families on **Thursday June 25th**. Links will issue to parents closer to the time.

We are awaiting guidance from the Department of Education and Skills regarding the issue of reopening school. Minister McHugh issued a Report last Friday. I attach the document entitled **“ Planning for reopening schools in line with the Roadmap for reopening society and business”** for your perusal. I will update you once we receive more information.

Take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Regards,

Marion Sherlock



Robertstown NS Virtual Sports Day Winners 2020

Well done to everyone who took part in our virtual Sports Day. Great effort and creativity went into designing the homemade obstacle courses in Robertstown over the past few days. The smiling faces told me that you all had a lot of fun. It was so lovely to see some parents, past pupils and some preschool children also participating in the challenges.

We had a lot of entrants into the class competitions. All participants were added to the class list and winners in each class were picked randomly. Each winner receives a basketball. These prizes can be collected from school between 9-3pm on Wednesday or Thursday next. We hope you enjoy your prize. Thank you to everybody for taking part. I hope we will all be back together for Sports Day 2021.

The winners are:

Junior Infants	Lewis Byrne
Senior Infants	Ruairí Tallon
First Class	Brooke Moore
Second Class	Aoife Foxe
Third Class	Diarmuid O'Mahony
Fourth Class	Dylan Reihill
Fifth Class	Sadie Barker Bohane
Sixth Class	Mairéad Hanlon

Congratulations to you all.
Best Wishes,
Marion Sherlock