



Newsletter No 23

15th March 2021

Lá Glas

Tomorrow the children are invited to dress up in green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!!

St. Patrick's Day

School will be closed on Wednesday March 17th for St. Patrick's Day.

Return to Education Form

Please note with school closed Wednesday for St. Patrick's Day the 'Return to Education Form' needs to be filled out through Aladdin Connect after 3pm Wednesday for children returning to school Thursday.

Gráinne's Weekly Challenge

Gráinne has added some 'St. Patrick's Day' themed arts and crafts on the school website that can be completed at home.

Drop off/ Collection

Thank you to all the parents for your consideration and efficiency with drop offs this morning.

Concerns

The school has received a lot of correspondence from concerned parents about COVID-19 in the school. The school are informed by the HSE if a child/staff member in the school tests positive and other children/staff are deemed as close contacts. Parents too are encouraged to notify the school if their children test positive or are close contacts so we can also get in touch with the HSE directly if needed to speed up the process and keep informed.

The school are only informed of cases that effect the school. Even if it is in the community at present unless we are advised otherwise the school is deemed safe to stay open.

We are following all the guidelines here to make it as safe as possible to keep the school open.

It was great to see all the smiling faces from 3rd – 6th class children as they re-joined us this morning.

Under the circumstances at present if your child is not returning to school, please notify your class teacher **if** you require work sent home. This will be a basic pack of work as teachers are carrying out their day to day duties in the classroom. After Easter the focus will be on children attending school daily.

Diocesan Penitential Service: This takes place on 18 March @19:30 and will be live streamed from the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. The service can be accessed on <https://mcnmedia.tv/camera/carlow-cathedral>. All children preparing for First Reconciliation and their families are invited to attend this Penitential Service in preparation for First Reconciliation. The aim of holding this service and of the work being done by



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teachers of second class & parish teams over the past few weeks is to ensure that the children are as well prepared as they can possibly be to celebrate the sacrament of First Reconciliation face to face with their local priest in their local church as soon as it is safe to do so. It is important to reiterate that the Penitential Service is **not** a celebration of First Reconciliation as that cannot happen virtually, it must take place face to face.

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