



April 2020

Dear Parents,

We are living through challenging times at the moment and I know that you have so much to focus on these days. Some of you are working on front line services dealing with the Covid 19 crisis. Many of you are dealing with challenging situations at work and some of your work places have closed temporarily. Added to that you are looking after your children full time and trying to support them with their education.

St Fiacc's will continue to support children with their education bearing in mind differing access to digital technologies in every household and differing priorities in households where a member of the family may be ill, older siblings are studying for state exams or parents are working from home.

The health and wellbeing of your family must be prioritised above all else and the work we provide is an attempt to keep your child engaged with their learning. A balance between work, rest and play is important which is why we will take our Easter Break as normal. The main thing is that we stay safe and support each other.

Kind regards,

Mr John Brennan

Dates

No decision has been made yet on First Holy Communion in May

April 1st: Meeting for parents of new infants was postponed. If you know of any parent who still wishes to enrol their child, please advise them to email st.fiaccs@gmail.com We will meet again at a later date.

April 19th: proposed return to school date.

Notification regarding Policy Reviews

The Board of Management has completed annual reviews of its **Child Safeguarding Statement** and **AntiBullying Policy**. Both policies are available on our website www.stfiaccsns.ie

Admissions Policy

The Department of Education has requested that all schools revise their Admissions Policy by April 30th. A draft Admissions Policy has been formulated and is available on our school website for viewing. Feedback to be emailed to st.fiaccs@gmail.com

Online Learning

St. Fiacc's are using Google Classroom to support teaching & Learning from 3rd - 6th and See Saw to support learning from Infants - 2nd. Your child will have received a username and password (3rd - 6th) or a code (Infants - 2nd). Please email st.fiaccs@gmail.com if you require further assistance on this.



Easter Holidays (April 6th - April 17th)

No formal lessons or instructions will be provided by teachers during the Easter period. We will provide some guidance to parents on activities for their children during the break (reading, useful websites for learning, activities on the theme of Easter etc.). Pupils should be encouraged to keep up their reading and other learning activities/projects. Here's an image of scones cooked by a pupil in Miss Scully's class and a photo from Eryk recounting a visit to the Dunbrody Famine ship!



Art Winners

Congratulations to Daniel Nolan who won third place in the 'Living in Harmony in our Catholic Schools' CPSMA art competition. Daniel will receive his prize at a later date. Also congratulations to Luke Allman and Marco De Felice who were prizewinners in Carlow's Glor Ceatharlach Art Competition. Again their award presentation has been postponed.

Spelling Bee

Well done to Shayna who participated in the Carlow Spelling Bee in March





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Working From Home with pupils from Miss Doyle and Miss Davitt's classes





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World Book Day at St. Fiacc's





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Miss Kavanagh's Peace Proms Choir

