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St. Fiacc's N.S.
Fírinne le Misneach

December 2021

Dates for your Diary

Dec 9th: Mass online to mark the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Dec 22nd: St Fiacc's closes at **12.00pm** for the Christmas Holidays and reopens on January 6th.

Jun Infants will be collected at 11:30

First & Third class will be collected at 11:40

Sen Infants, Second and 4th will be collected at 11:50

5th & 6th class will be collected at 12:00

Dec 22nd: Christmas Jumper fundraiser. Pupils may wear a Christmas jumper to school.
€2 Donation please.

Jan 6th: Pupils return to school. Mass online to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany.

To mark the Festive Season, in these exceptional circumstances, St. Fiacc's is organising a small *virtual* Christmas Celebration. Put simply, each class will record a poem/song and post it on SeeSaw. These events will take place from December 15th.

School Calendar

St Fiacc's 2022 school calendar is for sale. It costs €10. Many thanks to all the businesses who took out an ad in the calendar. Pay now through Aladdin Connect or the office while stocks last. The calendars will be distributed mid December. We are also selling Christmas annuals for €4 each. Please support these purchases to finance the running of St. Fiacc's.

Thank you!

To all families returning our family contribution envelope. Date of next contribution: Wed Dec 1st

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*Please finalise any outstanding Book Rental Payments due.

Living Our Ethos

We celebrate Advent as a whole school through use of the Advent Wreath at our virtual Friday Assemblies.

Christmas Cards

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Pupils will design Christmas cards in class for pupils in their pods. Please do not send in Christmas Cards with your child. Let's keep Green and reduce cardboard.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Due to Covid 19 we will not be hosting Parent Teacher Meetings in Jan/Feb. Instead we will be contacting parents by phone at the end of January to discuss your child's progress. You will be allocated a time slot.

Food Hampers

The Parish is distributing Food Hampers this Christmas to Families in need. Every year we ask every pupil to bring in 1 item to help build the hamper. The items are listed below. Your support will make a huge difference to families this Christmas. Please bring item into class next week and place in box at the back of the classroom

List of food items for Christmas Hampers : Mass of the Immaculate Conception/mass of giving : December 9th

<u>Junior Infants:</u> Ms. Doyle: Tea Ms. Payne: Tea Ms. O'Brien: Biscuits	<u>Senior Infants :</u> Ms. Hutton : Rice Krispies Ms. Hogan: Porridge Ms. Walsh: Weetabix
<u>First Class :</u> Ms Byrne: Pringles Ms. Reddy: Ketchup	<u>Second Class :</u> Ms. McCarthy: Beans Ms. Whelan: Beans Ms. Kinsella: coffee
<u>Third Class :</u> Ms Mullen : Hot Chocolate Ms.Ronan: Mayonnaise Ms Davitt: Bag of Sweets	<u>Fourth Class :</u> Ms. Hennessy :Jam Ms.Kavanagh: Gravy Granules
<u>Fifth Class :</u> Ms. Ivory: Fruit Juice Miss Scully: Tinned Fruit Mr Sheil: Tinned Soup	<u>Sixth Class:</u> Mr Bolton: Fruit Juice Mr. Nolan: Minerals Ms.Minnock: Minerals

Investments this month at St Fiacc's

8 air purifiers with HEPA filters and UV lamp to kill any airborne viruses. Placed in the 8 largest classes. Paid for without any school grant. That's why your donations matter! Cost 3k.
 8 fully configured i - pads to support learning in mainstream and Learning support. Cost 3.5k.

*Unfortunately ventilation requirements mean more draughts in classrooms but we are heating classrooms for longer periods with increasing energy costs. Your child may wear a coat/hat in class if they feel cold. They may place a blanket on knees also. Please insist that they wear a good coat to school. The air quality is measured with CO2 monitors. If we close windows the monitor goes red

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indicating poor air quality.

Attendance rate for October –
87.6%. Well done all!

There has been a lot of confusion about the symptoms parents need to be aware of. The public health authorities ask parents not to send their child to school if they are experiencing any of the following symptoms:



- Fever (38°+)
- New cough
- Shortness of breath
- Loss/change of smell/taste
- Fatigue
- Aches/pains
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Feeling sick
- Diarrhoea

Or with any of the above symptoms and a runny/stuffy nose.



Parents! Do you know that the Primary Curriculum is changing?

What children learn and how children learn in primary school is changing. The proposed changes aim to enhance children's learning in school and provide for even more relevant and meaningful learning.

You can find the proposals [HERE](#).

As a parent, it is important that you have a say in shaping your child's future learning. Consultation will close by the end of February 2022.

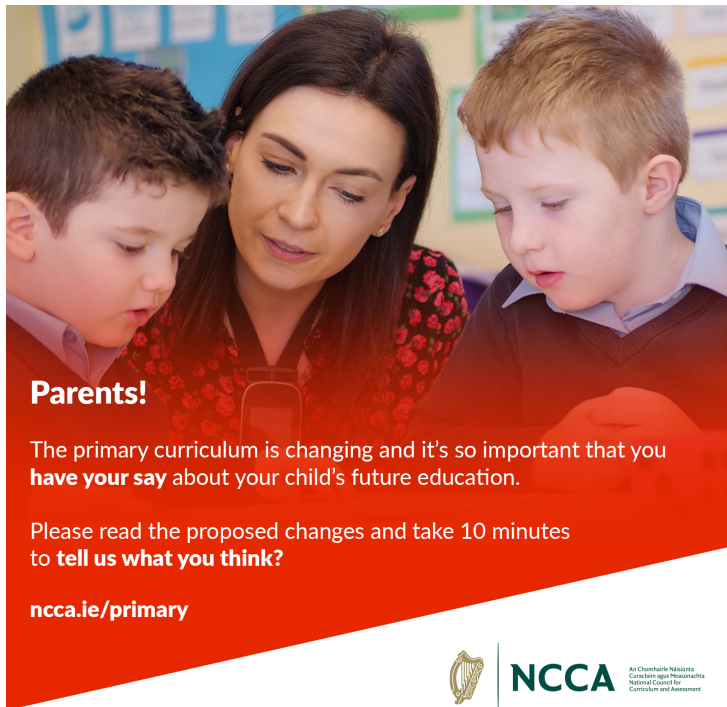
Please take 8-10 minutes to tell us what you think [HERE](#)

Want to know more? Visit our website www.ncca.ie/primary

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The primary curriculum is changing and it's so important that you **have your say** about your child's future education.

Please read the proposed changes and take 10 minutes to **tell us what you think?**

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