



## January Newsletter 2023

### Dates for your Diary

**January 5th:** St. Fiacc's will commence accepting application Forms for Admission to Junior Infants for the 2023-2024 school year. Please call to the office for a pack. We will accept applications until January 26th.

**January 25th:** Parent Teacher Meetings (St Fiacc's will close at **1:50pm** for Infants and at **2pm** for all other pupils).

**February 1st:** Parent Teacher Meetings (St Fiacc's will close at **1:50pm** for Infants and at **2pm** for all other pupils).

**Jan 30th - Feb 3rd:** Catholic Schools Week (Including Grandparents' Day February 1st).

**February 6th:** Public Holiday (St Fiacc's is closed).

**February 13th - 17th:** St. Fiacc's is closed for Mid Term Break (1 week)

### Thank you!

To all families returning our family contribution envelope. Date of next contribution: Wed January 11<sup>th</sup>. Thanks also to everyone who contributed to our school calendar through advertisements or purchase and to our Christmas jumper morning. Both initiatives raised €4,500 approximately for school funds.

### Stay Safe Programme

The Stay Safe Programme will begin this month in all classes. The Stay Safe Programme is a personal safety skills programme for primary schools - both mainstream and special. Its overall objective is to prevent child abuse, bullying and other forms of victimisation. The programme develops children's ability to recognise, resist and report risk situations or abusive encounters.

Please see [www.staysafe.ie](http://www.staysafe.ie) for further information.

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance rate for November – 89.4% (>3% on 2021)

Attendance rate for December – 82.8% (>2.9% on 2021)

Term One overall – 88.3% (>2.5% on 2021)

All pupils who reached 95% attendance or greater received a cert of excellent attendance from our attendance coordinator Miss Kavanagh.

### Parent Teacher Meetings

St Fiacc's Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on January 25th and February 1st respectively. Appointments will be arranged using the Aladdin Connect App.

On Jan 9th Families with 3 or more siblings will be offered slots. On Jan 10th families with 2 siblings will be offered slots. On Jan 11th everyone else will be offered slots.



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### **Catholic Schools week**

We will celebrate our Catholic identity during Catholic Schools Week this month. The theme is "Walking Together in Faith & Love".

Grandparents Day will take place on Wednesday February 1st, as part of Catholic School's Week, where one grandparent from each class will talk with the children from 10-10.30am.

### **Supervision**

St Fiacc's opens at 8:50am and closes at 2:50pm. St Fiacc's does not take responsibility for supervision of pupils before 8:50. am or after 2:50pm. To this end we advise pupils to assemble in the school grounds between 8:50 & 9.10. where there will be supervision. The school would greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

St. Fiacc's will open to receive pupils at 8:50am. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time. Classes will commence each day at 9.10am. No pupils should arrive later than 9.05am.

Classes will end each day at 2:50pm. Parents who wish to have their children escorted home should make their own arrangements to have them met at the school gate and the person to escort them should be at the gate no later than 2:50pm as the school cannot accept responsibility for looking after children after that time.

There will be morning supervision provided by Senior Management and SNAs between 8:50 and 9.10am.

\*Parents of Infants may wait with their child in the morning in a designated area but pupils from 1st-6th are expected to walk to their lines and wait with their classmates. We keep this area free of parents for child safety reasons.

### **School Video**

In December, our 6th class teacher Mr Kevin Keogh produced a short video that captures the inclusivity and diversity of our school. The video was warmly received and widely viewed by members of the Graiguecullen community and beyond. For those who might have missed this beautiful piece I am attaching the link here <https://youtu.be/Bm9TZKrDfOI> Thanks again to Mr Keogh for his efforts.