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## October 2021

### Dates for your Diary

**Sept 29th:** School Mass - available to view online at 1:45pm

**Oct 16th-24th:** Maths Week

**Oct 19th:** Swimming begins for Miss Minnock's (6th) and Miss Kinsella's (2nd) classes.

**Oct 22nd:** St. Fiacc's will close at **12:00** for staff training. This closure is approved by the Department of Education & Skills:

*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*

**Oct 25<sup>th</sup> – Oct 29th:** Mid-Term Break

**Oct 22nd:** Pupils may wear Hallowe'en costumes to school. A €2 donation is requested.

Please wear extra layers of clothing to school next month because of Covid 19 ventilation requirements. The heating will be on also and pupils should always wear their coats to school as we will be going outside unless there is an absolute downpour! It is also important that jumpers and coats are labelled.

### Seesaw & Homework



We are presently using Seesaw in school and we will be assigning homework soon on Seesaw

Here are some useful links to assist with See Saw:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nv87eyvNxY0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVcXsMLbXw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5jG9VoROFs>

<https://heywood.ie/parents-association-seesaw/>

### Family Contribution Reminder

To allow us to continue to ensure that your children enjoy the best of facilities we request a small voluntary contribution from each family. So we are asking every family to contribute €5 on the first Wednesday of every month. This payment can also be made through Aladdin Connect or at the Office.

### School Rules Reminders

We try to keep rules to a minimum at St. Fiacc's. Here's what we constantly remind our pupils:

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<i>We come to School on time.</i>	<i>We try our best in class.</i>
<i>We come prepared.</i>	<i>We wear our uniform.</i>
<i>We respect others</i>	<i>We respect school property</i>

### **Annual Board Report**

Our Annual Board Report on St. Fiacc's is available for viewing on [www.stfiaccsns.ie](http://www.stfiaccsns.ie)

### **Attendance/Punctuality**

Good attendance gives your child every chance of succeeding at school. However if your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they are symptom free. Of course we understand that an asthmatic child may continue to cough at school. Miss Mary Kavanagh is our post holder with responsibility for school attendance. Miss Kavanagh may be in contact with you if your child's absence is unexplained. This is why it is so important to explain every absence. The easiest way to do this is through our Aladdin Connect app.

Please do keep up punctuality by arriving at your specified time and collecting your child when their class ends. Thank you again for following the protocols and for wearing your mask on the school grounds.

Please note the school is obliged, by law, to inform Tusla when a pupil is absent for a total of 20 school days in one school year.

### **ENROLMENTS 2022**

Enrolment Packs for Junior Infants starting school in September 2021 will be available from the School Office in January 2022.

### **TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**

Your child will have received a Shoebox appeal flyer this week. If your child is partaking in this worthy project please return the shoebox by Friday November 6th.

### **Covid 19 - Close contacts.**

As from Monday September 27th, classroom close contacts are no longer required to restrict movements if they have no symptoms. The school will inform the close contacts of the child's pod in line with public health advice. Your cooperation in this matter is fully appreciated.

### **Living our Ethos**

October is the month of the Rosary. We will be celebrating the mysteries of the Rosary at our weekly assemblies in October.

### **Green Flag award**

Congratulations to Miss Ivory and her team on being awarded a Green Flag for the Marine Environment. The Flag will be officially raised at a later date.