



January 17th 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians:

It continues to be a very difficult time for everyone, both young and old. We need to be *vigilant* and *protect* ourselves, our families and our school, by *following the HSE guidelines*, wearing our masks, keeping our *distance* and *washing our hands*. We're doing our best, trying to keep our school running as normal as possible for our pupils and each other.

Please *click on the link on the Home Page of our Website for our Group Facebook Page*.

If a parent/guardian informs us that their child is COVID-19 positive we will let the entire class parents know. You will receive a letter which will have the latest HSE guidelines on antigen testing and what you as a parent/guardian need to do. Please ring our HSCL teacher if you have any concerns or questions

If your child is sick or has any 'cold-like' symptoms he/she cannot be in school. We will ring you to come and pick him/her up. Unfortunately, these are the protocols, and we have to abide by them.

We have a fabulous school staff: Teachers, SNAs, Caretaker & Secretary. We need to remember that they too are vulnerable and may be dealing with the COVID-19 virus infecting themselves and family members, and that some of them may have underlying conditions which may make them more susceptible to COVID-19. Currently, substitute teachers are like hen's teeth as they too get COVID-19!

Drumming Workshops: Junior + Senior Infants had their workshop on Friday 14th and loved it. Please send in the €3 if you forgot. 1st + 2nd class workshop on Feb. Monday 24th. €3 per child.

GAA with Tony: Senior Infants had 6 weeks of GAA training with Tony on Fridays last term. It will be Junior Infants turn from Friday 21st Feb. He is just brilliant with the young children.

Heritage Ireland: Will be in our school on the 23rd & 24th of January meeting all the classes with an interesting presentation and getting them involved in their own learning.

Traveller Culture: Our HSCL teacher has organised 3 Friday sessions where the 2nd classes will learn about Traveller Culture through story and art. They had their first session on Friday 14th

Story Time Project: Junior Infant Parents: please return the invitation by 21st Jan. If you've any questions ask our HSCL Teacher, Ms. Chaney. It's a worthwhile project to get involved in.

Photos: Please click GALLERY on our website for heart-warming fabulous photos of our pupils. We try and upload new photos regularly.

Triple P / Northside Partnership: I will post upcoming classes for parents/guardians on our website under Our School → HSCL and also on our Group Facebook page:
(St. Francis Junior School Priorswood D17)

Admissions for Junior Infants 2021:

Please visit: Our School → Enrolment / Admissions where you can read our Policy and Notice. Please tell any friends & family who may have a child hoping to start school in September 2022. It's important they read these.

Sincerely, A. Plunkett, Principal