April Newsletter

We are looking forward to seeing all the children coming back to school with a spring in their step. In March, they settled back very well after the long closure. They have all adapted easily to the sanitising, social distancing, respiratory etiquette and staying in their class bubbles. They will be delighted to see their friends again. We will have more fun activities and lots of learning this term.

Keeping safe in Term 3

Finglas still has a high rate of infection. We will be as vigilant as ever, with your support:

* Everyone should stay in family groups when dropping/collecting children – no mixing please.
* Staff will be keeping a safe distance. Any questions can be sent to the teacher through Class Dojo and they will reply after school. Any absence calls or urgent queries can be made through the office 8348770 or to the HSCL WhatsApp on 086 3705773.
* Adults and teenagers are requested to wear face coverings on school grounds.
* Only staff members and children are allowed into the school building.
* **Return the Parental Declaration form (by email to class teacher or put the paper copy in your child’s school bag). The form is also available to download from our website under Policies and Forms. We will also have spare copies in the yard in the mornings**.
* Children must stay at home in the following cases:
* If they are close contacts of a person with Covid-19
* If they are awaiting a test
* If they are awaiting results of a test
* If they are unwell or off-form IN ANY WAY, until 48 hours symptom free
* If someone else in the household is showing symptoms of Covid-19
* If they have travelled outside Ireland. (If so, please consult and follow latest government advice in relation to foreign travel).

Thank you for your continuing support for our safety measures all year.

Thank you for telling us when someone in the household has been exposed to the virus.

Thank you for coming to collect a child early when they are sent home with minor symptoms – we know it’s inconvenient, and you know it’s necessary!

Thank you for following government travel advice if you have returned to Ireland from abroad.

Thank you to the many families who have used the local walk-in test centre during the break, as a precaution, before schools reopen.

Outdoor education

Children should be dressed warmly every day as there will be lots of outdoor learning.

Parents of any children who get hay fever around this time of year may wish to consult the pharmacist and be ready, before the symptoms start.

Parent Teacher Meetings will take place by phone soon. Class teachers will be in touch to arrange an appointment.

Let us know by phone, WhatsApp or email if you have any concerns or comments. Welcome back.