

The Board of Management held two meeting in November.

Much of this information has already been communicated through Aladdin.

9th November

Opening/Closing times

Staggered start and close has ceased.

Gate opens at 8:35 am. The children are supervised in the yard until class begins at 8:50a.m.

The inside gate will open 1:25pm and 2:25pm. Parents and guardians are permitted to enter the yard to collect children.

Curricular Development

Staff received IT training from the Professional Development Support Team. Google classroom will be introduced in the future for 3rd-6th class.

Children from 1st class to 6th will received PE instruction from UCC PE Students. This is coordinated by Joao Costa.

Choir was due to continue with Peter Stobbert but was cancelled due to the current Covid situation.

Emmett O'Callaghan from Munster Rugby Training has begun training children from 3rd to 6th class for 6 weeks in Cricket Club. It is optional and children can opt in.

Brid Retirement

Due to illness, we were unable to give Brid the sendoff she richly deserved. We look forward to welcoming Brid back to celebrate her wonderful career and retirement when it is possible to do so.

November 30th

Opening/Closing Times

The standard opening/closing is working well and it is wonderful to welcome parents back into the yard.

School Inspection

On the 25th of November we had a visit from our school inspector Michael Ryan. He reviewed our Child Protection and Covid Safety measures. He complimented and affirmed the enormous effort and contribution of the entire school community in maintaining a safe environment in the current challenging time.

Please find attached our annual Child Safeguarding Statement.

Please see attached revised Anti-Bullying policy which was ratified by the BoM.

Close Contacts

Maura will contact the parents of children deemed close contacts by phone. A follow up email will be sent with information relating to Antigen testing. In the event the 2 or more children from more than 1 pod the entire class and adults associated with the class will be deemed close contacts and will be sent information on how to apply for Antigen testes under the antigen testing in primary school children in pods programme.

Face Masks

Guidelines were issued by the Department of Education on face masks. Children from 3rd to 6th class are required to face masks indoors unless they have been granted an exemption from the Board of Management.

Google Classroom

We have set up Google Classrooms for children from 3rd Class to 6th Class. This is to facilitate the use of the Chrome Books and will enable each child to create their own portfolio of work. This will further facilitate Team Teaching which will commence in January.

Christmas Lights

Many thanks to the Meitheal group for brightening up our mornings with the lights in the lane.

PTA Winter Fair Raffle

The Winter Fair was once again cancelled due to the current guideline. The PTA will organize the raffle which was hugely successful last year. It will be held on Friday December 17th.

The Board of Management would like to thank everyone for your unwavering support during these challenging times.

Anne Rogers

Chairperson

Maura O'Riordan

Principal