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Important Information

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I hope you and your family are all keeping well at this time. It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of the current academic year and that the summer is upon us.

Term 3 of this current academic year will always be one which we look back on in disbelief and with some sadness. It has been a challenging time for our country, our health service, our education sector and our individual families. There are, however, many positives to cling to; I know that for many, the extra time with family has been a real blessing throughout this pandemic, as has the time to explore new skills and personal challenges.

As a school, we are currently thinking about what we can do in September to make our return to school as normal as possible, but we are not in a position to comment on what a return to school might look like at this time. The Department of Education, alongside the Education Authority are currently drawing up guidance on what a return will look like and when this will be. At this time, we do not have a confirmed start date for any age group in school. Once this becomes available, I will share it with you.

Stationary

Given concerns over the spread of Covid-19 on surfaces, we will not be in a position to provide children with stationary in class in September. We are therefore asking that each child brings their own stationary in their own pencil cases. This will not be allowed to be shared with any other child in their class to ensure the safety of all. Teachers will write to you regarding what your child may need, and this will be included in their school report.

End of Year Reports

The teachers are currently writing the end of year reports for the children. These will be available for collection from school on Monday 29th June; arrangements will follow closer to the time. You will be provided with 2 copies of the report at this time; one for you to keep and one to return to school. I would ask that the school copy is kept until September and sent in then. Primary 7 children should give their school copy to a brother or sister in September or make arrangements to send them to school.

Trophies

Please return all end of year trophies to school on Monday 29th June so that we can carefully store them to be passed on at a time when it is appropriate to do so.

Work Packs

Huge thanks to everyone for working so diligently on their work packs over the last number of weeks. Thanks also to the staff for their work on these and their consistent online support. The work packs have now come to an end and children and staff will be officially on holiday from 1st July 2020. We will not be providing work for over the summer holidays for your child and would encourage you all to enjoy the rest.

School App: Download 'School Jotter' and select 'Mountnorris Primary School'



Provision for Key Workers

I would like to thank you all for your consideration in providing care for your children. Thanks also to the staff who have so willingly provided care for children in school on a weekly basis. It has been great to see everyone pull together at this time. In line with a directive from the Department of Education I can now confirm that school will close to all children on Tuesday 30th June and we will therefore not be providing care for key workers from this point on.

Sports Day Medals and Class Work

Medals for those who took part in Sports Day will be available for collection with school reports on Monday 29th June. We will also be sending home all class books at this time. If you have any reading books or any equipment belonging to school, please return it then.

Reception and Primary 1 – September 2020

At this stage in the year Mrs Mackey and I would normally be organising an induction for our Reception and Primary 1 children. Given the circumstances, we are unfortunately unable to do this, but we are hoping instead to have online video inductions in late August. It is hoped that at this stage we will have more information for our Primary 1 parents on what the new school year will look like for their children.

Paris, 2020

I can now confirm that the Paris trip was cancelled by the Travel provider. The travel company are now working to secure as much refunded money as they can. With the amount of refunds worldwide, this may take some time.

Toilet Refurbishment

The work on the children's toilets is nearing completion and we are very happy with the finished product. I will post some pictures for you all to see when we complete our handover.

Once again, thank you for your continued support throughout this difficult time.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Frizzell

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