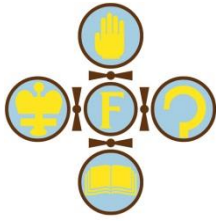


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ST.FILLAN'S P.S.

Friday Update 18th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Let me begin by paying tribute to everyone in school for the effort and incredible hard work they have all put in to make our school the very special place that it is. Even when we faced different challenges throughout the year, everyone pulled together and carried on to give your wonderful children as normal a school experience as possible.

Since we reopened in August all of our staff have worked incredibly hard to ensure that we lived our Visions Values and Aims each day in our school community. We have tried to keep everyone safe while learning, sought opportunity to grow, heard our voice and the voice of others and showed maximum effort in everything we have done. Even in the midst of the challenges we faced, our teachers and support staff found new ways of working and your children showed commendable resilience and determination. This has been the embodiment of what our school community is all about. **Please read the following important information.**

Arrangements for the last day

Our school will close at 2.30pm on Tuesday the 22nd of December. All children can come as they please/dress down day. We will return to school on Wednesday the 6th of January.

COVID procedures during the Christmas holiday

Current advice from the Education Directorate is as follows: If your child develops symptoms or tests positive on or after Tuesday the 22nd of December you will not be able to contact the school. Instead you will be contacted by the Test and Protect team who will discuss the details with you and ask for the information they need. It is important that if your child tests positive during the holidays and has to isolate beyond the school return date of January the 6th that you contact the school directly on that date as you would for any other absence.

Thank you for your Donations

Every Friday in December we collected for the **Little Sisters of the Poor** and for the **Trussel Trust**. Thank you so much for all of the generosity shown by everyone towards these worthy charities. Thanks also to our parents who have helped with the transportation of the donated items from the school. We deeply appreciate you giving up your time for this.

Thank you to all our families for your continuing support.

Finally, a sincere thanks to you, all of our parents and carers, for continuing to support us, for your generosity and kind words throughout the year. We look forward with hope and optimism towards what 2021 can bring. In the meantime I wish you all a Holy, Peaceful and Happy Christmas from everyone here at St Fillan's.

Kind regards, Mr Brian Bourke, Headteacher.

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