

Information Letter for Parents/Guardians June 2020

- **Booklists and Sundries**

Booklists and sundries are under review at the moment and we will be in touch shortly with the revised versions.

We are trying to keep booklists to a minimum, to reduce the costs of returning to school in September.

We have a wealth of supplementary texts which, in conjunction with rental books, will allow us to tailor next year's programme, to take account of this year's disruption.

As you can imagine we are busy working on plans to cover every eventuality for the year ahead . We are very conscious that we have to help the pupils to make up for time lost in school since March. Our plan for September and October is to complete some unfinished topics in textbooks from this school year while at the same time gently proceeding onto the 2020/2021 curriculum.

We have stored unfinished textbooks in the school.

Individual class teachers will go into greater detail with you about their plans for your daughter's education in the new school year. Rest assured we are doing everything in our power to progress your daughter's education in the new school year.

- **Uniform**

As you know, we have a new tracksuit available this year and a new crest for the jumper. As said before, the old one is fine for as long as is needed. The uniform and tracksuit are available from the following companies

The Schoolwearhouse, Dublin 24

www.schoolandsportswear.ie

O'Farrell School wear at O'Neill's Factory Shop

You can buy navy tracksuit bottoms from Dunnes etc. if you only want to buy the top.

Crests are available from school for Uniform jumper, if you prefer to buy the navy V neck separately and put the crest on.

- **Book Appeal**

As we are trying to keep costs to a minimum we are asking anyone who still has their class novel to return it to the school . There will be a collection box in the school porch most days from 9:30-3pm if you'd like to drop books into it.

We would be very grateful if anyone who is in a position to donate their daughter's textbooks to the school could consider dropping their copies of *Read At Home* or *Grow In Love* too and we thank all those families who have already donated books.

- **Virtual Sports' Days.**

In line with the normal school year, we are moving away from academic work and instead we are concentrating on more physical activity and fun . On Friday 19th , we will unfold our Virtual School Sports' Programme for the week beginning Monday 22nd June.

Everyone is invited to participate and to tailor the activities to suit their family.

There are some simple ideas for having fun while getting plenty of physical activity. Equipment can be sourced from things you have at home already. For example, rolled up socks can be substituted for balls and paper plates for cones.

The activities will form part of our application for our **Active School Flag** so please send us photos of your children enjoying the various activities.

- **School Reports**

End of year reports were sent out to everyone via Aladdin on Tuesday 16th June. If, for any reason, you didn't receive your daughter's report, please contact the school at info@stkevinsgns.com

- **Class Teachers and Rooms 2020/21**

Every class was assigned their new teacher last Friday 12th June. There will be an addition to the current teaching staff in September and the newly appointed teacher will be teaching First Class next year.

The following is an overview of the location of all classrooms for the new school year;

Upstairs: Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Classes.

Downstairs: Junior Infant and Senior Infant Classes.

Office Corridor: First, Second and Third Classes.

- **Special ASD Class**

The Department of Education and Skills has sanctioned a class for children with Autism to open in the new school year. It is already fully subscribed and will be located in the room that housed our library. Work is currently underway to modify the room. If anyone has a connection to a company or a business who might be willing to sponsor an item in the class, we would be very grateful. info@stkevinsgns.com

- **Draft School Calendar 2020/21**

Hopefully we will open as fully and as normally as possible after the summer holidays, but as we don't have definite guidelines yet , the attached list of school closures is subject to change .

- **First Class Timetable**

To ease the First Class pupils into the longer school day , they will finish at **1:30** for the first three weeks in September.

From Monday **21st** September First Class will finish school at **2:30**.

- **Summer Holidays**

Classes will officially begin their holidays on Tuesday 30th June. Thank you to the pupils and their families for all the hard work and support during this exceptional school year. No one could have predicted a year like this, but the girls have been amazing.

We would like to wish everyone a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing everyone on the 31st August.

Kind regards and keep well,

The Staff of St. Kevin's G.N.S.

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