

School Closure Note – March 30th – April 3rd 2020 – Senior Infants

Hi everyone,

We hope you are all doing well and staying safe during these challenging times. Both of us are really missing seeing all of the children's happy, smiling faces every day and we are thinking about you all daily. We can't wait to get back to school and have our usual fun-filled, busy days back again. We understand that this is not an easy time for children and parents, for many different reasons, so we want to remind you that you are all doing a fantastic job with whatever you are doing together at home!

We are so delighted to see so many of you in our "School at Home" album on Facebook and look forward to seeing lots more pictures of you in the coming weeks – you may even spot Ms Frawley or Ms Kelly on it someday! It's important to note that in school we engage in "active learning" – meaning we move and change tasks frequently throughout the day. It's important to remember this and to enjoy some physical, creative and enjoyable activities too. The children gain incredible learning opportunities by getting outside (while practicing safe social distancing), going for walks, baking, reading a book, gardening, going on a minibeast or nature hunt in the garden, completing simple homemade obstacle courses, drawing and colouring, dancing and singing, completing jigsaws, creating with lego and other construction materials, going on treasure hunts and helping out with the household chores. It's not all about sitting down and getting your work done – it's important to find a balance.

The list of school work that we sent home on Thursday March 12th (and also listed again on the next page) set out enough work for three weeks, so you can continue to work from this list. We will update this list, if further school closures are announced, but for now the work we had previously set is plenty. Again, if you are looking for extra resources there are plenty available online, some of which are outlined below.

Although this is an unusual and tricky time for all of us, it has given us quality time with our families that we didn't expect to get. We can only try our best to make the most of this difficult situation we find ourselves in and create a 'new normal' for the time being.

We really miss you all so much and can't wait to see you back in our rooms soon. Until then, we will keep an eye on our Facebook page and website to see your happy faces!

Thank you sincerely to all the parents for your continued support and hard work, we will check back in soon!

Ms Frawley & Ms Kelly 😊

Work for School Closure – March 13th – April 3rd 2020

English:

Jolly Phonics

- Sound Book: Children can stick in their sounds weekly – ur, ph & soft c
- Tricky Words: Continued revision of Tricky Word List
- Phonics Pupil Book 2: Complete workbook – all pages to be finished.
- Phonics Pupil Book 3: Complete pages 2 – 9

Reading

Please continue to read as much as possible at home in the coming weeks. There are a number of PowerPoint stories on Twinkl (see note below). Also, the website <https://www.starfall.com/> is excellent for children's games, stories etc.

Handwriting

Continue on with Just Handwriting Book and Practice Copy – All formation is known so children can work away at their own pace.

Maths:

- Operation Maths at School Book – pages 87 – 94
- Operation Maths at Home Book – pages 23 - 30
- Children will need some guidance and instruction in order to complete these pages.

Gaeilge:

- Bua na Cainte – Éadaí - Complete pages 29 – 35

Grow in Love:

Jesus dies on the Cross & Jesus is alive! - pages 44 – 47

Please note: Twinkl are offering all parents a One Month FREE Ultimate Membership to Twinkl.ie. This will allow parents unlimited access to every single resource for every single curriculum subject from junior infants to sixth class.

Setting this up is really easy to do - go to www.twinkl.ie/offer and enter the code IRLTWINKLHELPS

Thanks so much, fingers crossed we'll be back to normality soon!

Ms Kelly & Ms Frawley 😊