

# March Newsletter

## World Down Syndrome Day

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> March is World Down Syndrome Day and to celebrate, they are running a #Lotsofsocks initiative where people can wear bright, eye catching and/or mismatched socks. We are asking the children in Scoil Mháirtín to wear their bright and/or mismatched socks to school on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. If you would like to donate, you can do so at this link: [www.downsyndrome.ie/donate](http://www.downsyndrome.ie/donate)

## Astro Turf Project

We are delighted to tell you that work has recommenced on the Astro Turf project here at the school. The builders have informed me that the construction of the driveway down to the Astro Turf will begin as of next Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. This driveway will be constructed down by the right hand side of the school (as you're facing it). This will not impact on the school or the children but you will notice that the builders have cordoned off a section of the staff car park to allow for the parking of their own vehicles and also for vehicular access while construction is ongoing. I have informed the builders that there is no access allowed for any vehicles during assembly, breaks or going home times.

## School Subscription: Classes - Senior Infants - 6<sup>th</sup>

School subscription for this school year 2020/21: **€40 per child.** Please put money in an envelope with child's name and give to class teacher / sna.

This is to cover: Book Rental, Pupil Personal Insurance, Aladdin Schools Database, Arts & Crafts and Photocopying.

## Easter Holidays

Easter holidays are from the 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 – 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 inclusive.

We will close on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March and the children will exit school on a staggered timetable:

**12.00** - 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> classes

**12:10** – 3<sup>rd</sup> class

**12.15** - 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>

**12.20** - Senior Infants

**12.30** - Junior Infants

School reopens on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2021** at 9.10a.m. and 9.20a.m. (depending on your surname as heretofore).

A Return to School Declaration will be required for all pupils after the Easter break. This will be available through the Aladdin Connect App or via the Aladdin website. The Declaration can only be completed after 3 p.m. the day prior to returning, therefore, this

will not become active on Aladdin until 3 p.m. on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021. You will receive a reminder to complete this Declaration on the Aladdin App.

This Declaration Form is one of the new revised requirements put in place by the Government for all schools after school closures / pupil absences.

I wish to thank all parents / guardians for your co-operation in the implementation of the Covid 19 school routines.

We are delighted to have everyone back at school and with all our combined efforts we hope to keep the school community and all our loved ones safe during this pandemic.

Helen Leddy,

Principal.