

A Thuismitheoirí,

I would like to welcome your child to second class. I would also like to take this opportunity to clarify some points in order that your child has a most positive and rewarding year.

First Holy Communion

The Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion take place this year. In order to receive these sacraments, your child is required to give a copy of their Baptismal Certificate to me. This can be obtained from the Church in which your child was baptised. *Please send this in as soon as possible.* The Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Penance) usually takes place in the second term (Date to be confirmed). **The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on May 16th 2020.**

Homework

Parents will be encouraged at all times to play an active part in their children's homework. Please ensure your child has an area with sufficient space and which is free of distractions in which to complete their homework. Please check that homework is complete and the homework journal is signed each night. If you find that your child is struggling to complete their homework within 20 minutes, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Curricular Areas

- Maths

Time given to tables at this age is invaluable. It is very important that they are known off by heart. Learning the doubles, near doubles ($3 + 3 = 6$ so $3 + 4 = 7$) and skip counting (counting in 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's & 10's,) are also essential. Maths should be done informally with your child also, drawing their attention to maths around us e.g. telling the time, using money, measuring while cooking.

- English Reading

We encourage you to join the library and to bring your child there regularly. This gives your child the opportunity to develop a love of reading. It is important to read with your child every day – even the smallest amount of time given to reading will be beneficial.

- PE & Uniform

Our PE day for Term 1 is **Monday**. Please ensure that your child wears the full school tracksuit and suitable footwear for PE. If for any reason your child cannot wear their tracksuit, they must bring runners in a separate bag. Your child will not be able to participate in PE without appropriate footwear. Apart from P.E day, your child should wear the school uniform every day.

Healthy Lunch Policy

Healthy lunches, as outlined in our school policy, are encouraged. Please check your child's homework journal (page 6), or the school website for more information – www.scoilolibheir.ie. Please note that, due to allergies, any product containing nuts is not allowed in school.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons the wearing of jewellery is not allowed with the exception of watches and stud earrings. Make-up/nail varnish is not allowed.

Procedure for withdrawal/ absence

A child to be collected during the school day should be collected at the office through our school secretary. In case of absence from school, please complete a form at the back of the homework journal.

Communication

If you have any worries or queries please feel free to set up an appointment with me through Mrs Quarry in the office.

You may find the following websites useful in supporting your child's education:

<http://resources.woodlands.kent.sch.uk/maths/>

www.mathplayground.com

www.topmarks.co.uk

I wish you and your child well in the year ahead and look forward to meeting you during the year.