

Letter to Parents/Guardians dated Mon. 22nd June 2020

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Dear All,

We have reached the final week of what has been a very strange term. None of us could have imagined, back in March, that distance learning would have continued for so long. The Class Teachers and I would, once again, like to thank you and the children for engaging so well with the work that has been set over the last while. The children's well-being has been central to our work and contacts with you during this difficult period.

The good news for the children is that this is the last week of the formal setting of work. I'm sure there will be relief all round! You will all by now have received the children's school reports and book lists for the new school year. At the end of the reports, we usually encourage children to continue to read for pleasure over the holidays, and to perhaps keep a short summer diary/journal. These are two simple suggestions which will help your child keep in touch with their learning over the summer break.

Thank you to all of you who have returned the book rental books to the school. This gives us a chance to get everything in order for the new school year, repairing and replacing as needed. There are, however, a number of books which have not been returned yet. Please drop me an email and we can arrange a mutually suitable time for the drop off of the books.

I wish you and your families a healthy, restful break. We are hopeful of an August 28th return date. We have not, as of the above date, received any return to school protocols or guidelines/supports from the Dept. of Education and Skills. I will communicate all necessary information with you. (Please remember that I can be contacted on the school email address, as seen above). For your information, there is a copy of each class booklist and next year's school calendar on the school website.

Finally, we wish Ann Keating-O'Neill well on her retirement from the Shining Stars Playschool. Ann provided a great start to many of our pupils and they will always carry happy memories of their time there. We wish Vanessa Moriarty, (proprietor of Busy Bees), all the very best as she takes over the running of the playschool.

Enjoy the holidays everyone- you all deserve a break!

Angela McGrath.