

Senior Infants Parents Meeting 2020

Sacred Heart JNS



Happy to be back!

- The Senior Infant team this year is Ms. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Hudson and Ms. Walsh with SET Ms. Heavey and SNA Hazel.
- We are all delighted to be back after so much uncertainty of the last 6 months.
- Some aspects of school has changed and this PowerPoint will inform you of these changes and give you other information that you may need to know.
- We hope you all have a great year in Senior Infants!



Reminders

- School begins at 9.10am, please arrive at this time and drop and go.
- Please wear a mask at all times when dropping and collecting and keep 2m apart- avoid gathering in groups.
- Collection time is 1.40 just inside the gate. You must wear a mask when coming to collect your child.



Some Safety Points



- In order to keep school as safe as possible there have been some additional procedures put in place.
- Teachers will wear face coverings in class and on yard at all times.
- The children will wash/sanitise their hands first thing when coming to school, before eating, after both yards, before/after P.E and before/after going to the outdoor classroom.
- The children are in pods (groups) of 4/5 that are colour coded and each group will have their own equipment/games. These pods will be changed after each holiday.
- Any equipment that is used across groups will be sanitised/quarantined before use in the other pod.

Other Points

- Please return contact forms asap as it is extremely important that the school has the right number and email to get in touch. If your number/email changes throughout the year you must inform the school.
- If you need to collect a child early from school then you must ring Sharon in the office beforehand.
- Book money is €40 and can be paid in instalments if necessary.
- Due to Covid the children will have their yard time each day to air the classroom out and so it is very important to send your child in with a suitable coat.

If your child is unwell

- If your child is unwell please keep them at home until they are symptom free.
- If they have any symptoms of Covid, such as a cough, temperature, shortness of breath or is a close contact of a Covid case you must keep them off school and contact your doctor.
- If your child develops any of these symptoms at school they will be brought by two teachers to an isolation room and you will be contacted immediately to collect them. It is extremely important that you contact your doctor at this stage.
- More information can be found on the HSE website.
- <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/if-your-child-has-symptoms.html>

School Lunches



- Fresh Today provide school lunches for the children.
- There is a selection of sandwiches and fruit to choose from so please make sure you have ordered what your child eats.
- There is no need for children to bring in their own lunches. If they have to please keep in line with our healthy eating policy and inform class teacher to cancel their school lunch to minimise waste.
- Due to nut and egg allergies in the school children can not bring in anything with nuts or egg in it.
- Please encourage your child to eat the school lunches as the less items transferring between school and home the safer it is.

Online Learning - Seesaw

- If the school closes we will be using the online learning tool Seesaw.
- Please return permission slips to your teacher in order for you to get a code to access it.
- You will need to download the Seesaw app and the class teacher will send home a unique learning code for you to access.
- We will be using Seesaw for homework. We will inform you when this happens.



School Rules

Our school rules are:

1. Be on time and be prepared
2. Be fair, be friendly
3. Talk in the right way at the right time
4. Sit when working, walk when moving
5. Always do your best

On the yard the children are encouraged to use kind hands, kind feet and kind words.

Each teacher has their own reward system in place in their classroom.

Know the Rules



Literacy

- We are following the Jolly Phonics programme.
- The children are taught the letter sounds, please practice these at home.
- Reading is taught using a 'blending' technique, where children are taught to 'blend' sounds together. For example, c-a-t, b-a-g.
- Words that cannot be sounded out (also known as 'tricky words', such as 'the', 'our', 'he' and 'she'), are given to the children to learn by sight. Encourage your children to find these words in books at home.
- Encourage your child to use full sentences when talking to them about their day in school.
- It is very important for your child to attempt writing and to colour at home.



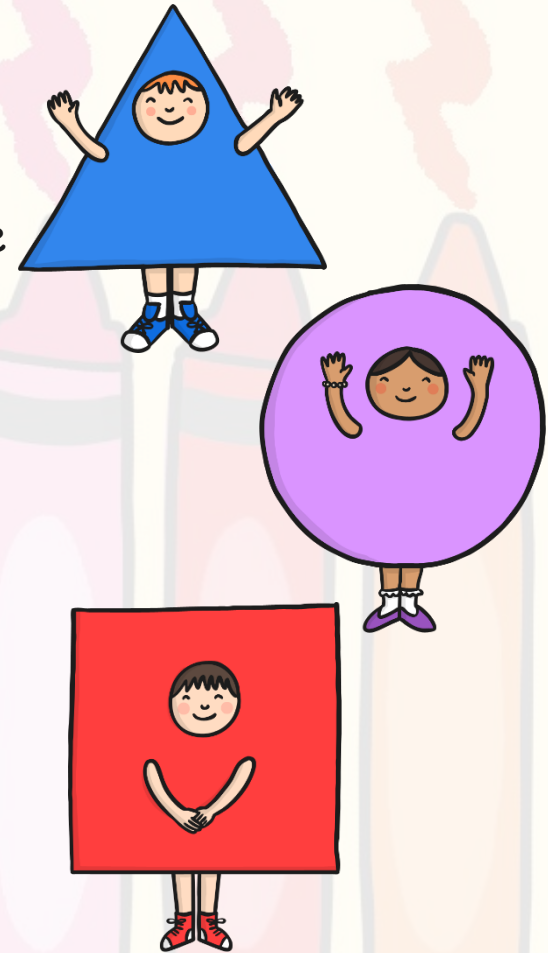
Maths

In Senior Infants, the children will learn to read, write and add with the numbers 0-10.

We will also be counting to 20 so any opportunities the children get to count at home is very beneficial.

Other strands on the curriculum include:

- Shape and Space
- Measures (such as capacity, length and weight)
- Patterns
- Sorting Objects
- Numeracy Games



Other Subjects

The other subjects in the curriculum include:

- Gaeilge: speaking and listening only
- SESE: History, Geography and Science
- Visual Art
- Music
- PE: Every Monday
- SPHE: we will be starting the Stay Safe program on November 16th.
- Religion
- Aistear: learning through play



General

- It is harder now to meet and talk to parents about concerns. However please feel free to ring the office and we will contact you to arrange a meeting or talk on the phone.
- Independence: Encourage children to put on and zip their own coats.
- Shoes: With Velcro/elastic straps if possible.
- PE days: Monday. Please ensure children wear runners and tracksuits on these days.
- Hygiene: Please remind your children to flush the toilet and wash their hands. Head lice are common in schools, a note will be sent home if an outbreak is detected!
- Absences: Please provide a note or ring the school for any absences.



