



Redeemer Boys' N.S.

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Here are some important points for you to note this month:

Parent/Teacher Meetings

The Parent/Teacher Meetings, which were held earlier this week via phone, were a great success. The school has a long history of working closely with parents to discuss progress, communicate successes and share strengths and needs. Whilst we must do this a little differently at present it is very important that the lines of communication between home and school are kept open. Any parents who did not get a chance to speak to their son's teacher this week can make contact with them via Seesaw or email to make arrangements for a phone-call at a different time. Alternatively, you can ring the school office.

Shoe Box Appeal

We usually ask for donations towards the Hope Shoebox Appeal around this time of year. This year the charity are encouraging schools, families and communities to celebrate the Christmas Shoebox Appeal by donating €20 online. The organisers will use donations to create shoeboxes and bring joy to children affected by poverty. Donations can be made via the link below:

<https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/>

Christmas Productions

Unfortunately, we will not be able to bring families into the school or church this year for our annual Christmas Show and Carol Service. We intend to host a Watch Party on the school Facebook Page with festive performances from all the classes. The event will be available to watch after the initial streaming. Further details to follow.



Parents' Association AGM

Arrangements will be made to hold a Virtual Parents' Association AGM during the first week of December. HSCL teacher, Matthew McArdle, will organise this and a link to join this meeting will be sent to all families via text/Seesaw App.

Anti-Bullying Week

Today is World Kindness Day 2020 and Anti-Bullying Week runs from 16th-20th November this year so we are running our KiVa Kick-Off Event in conjunction with this! KiVa is an evidence-based anti-bullying programme that is delivered from First to Sixth Class in the school.

Our KiVa Team have planned a fun-filled week for the boys with various activities, incentives and competitions taking place, for example, Marble Jar for Acts of Kindness (Pizza Party for the Winning Class), Postcard Competition, Ceremony of Ribbons.

Random Acts of Kindness will be promoted next week and going forward up to the Christmas Holidays.

To celebrate the week's successes we will have a Virtual Assembly on **Friday 20th November**. On this day we ask that all pupils and staff members wear **ODD SOCKS**. It is a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!





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First Class Pick-Up Time

Please note that First Class boys will be dismissed at the **later time of 2.40pm from Monday 16th November**. Pick-up time has been at 2.30pm for this class since we reopened, however, it is now felt that the dismissal of all pupils from First to Sixth Class at 2.40pm can be navigated safely and this will come into place from next Monday.

Attendance

Please read the attached leaflet on attendance carefully. When your son is absent from school, schools are obliged by law to record absences and the reasons given. Please contact the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence. If no notification of absence is received, we will have to record an unexplained absence. Where possible please make medical/dental appointments out of school hours.

"Miss School = Miss Out"

When a child arrives late to school or is picked up early from school it can be very disruptive to your child, the teacher and other children in the class. If your child arrives late to school they will be marked as late on Aladdin and the number of minutes late will also be recorded. If your child is picked up early from school they will be marked as leaving early on Aladdin and the number of minutes of the school day missed will also be recorded.

Chewing Gum

Please note that a decision has been made to not allow chewing gum in school. It has become a distraction among some boys both on yard and in class. Additionally, we are a Green School and chewing gum has created high levels of litter. If a pupil brings it to school it will be confiscated and only returned to a parent/guardian via the school office.



Christmas Holidays

Please note that we will be closing at 12 noon on Tuesday 22nd December for the Christmas holidays.

Thank you for your continued support,

Michelle Murray
Principal