



So long... farewell...

SCHOOL REOPENING

As always, we are following all guidelines from the Department of Education and Skills but we are *hopeful* that we can open for our academic year of 2020/2021 on Thursday, 27th August 2020

BOOKLISTS

All booklists for each class are on our school website in the Downloads Section - some book shops run an offer of 10% discount during the month of June.

CLASS ALLOCATION

A list of each teacher for the various classes is also available on our school website in the Downloads Section.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU!

Little did we all think as we began our school year back in August 2019, that we would have had such a year of immense change ahead of us all. We wish to thank you, the parents/guardians for staying the course with us and adapting so quickly to the amount of change we needed to put in place when we heard the news on 12th March - it's a day we will never forget!

We know it was tough, we know it was not the same as being in the building, we felt it too. WiFi, printing, new software to navigate, none of it was easy but I think everyone deserves to feel proud of the effort they've put in and how we have navigated uncharted waters since March.

We wish to thank each member of our staff for all the Continuous Professional Development you undertook in order to support our students remotely, whilst facing the challenges every household faced during this period - míle buíochas.

To our students - you are the real super heroes in all of this, your world changed overnight and you all adapted so well and took each change on board. The children deserve so much praise for their resilience - well done to each and every one of you, we are so proud of you all.



WHAT LIES AHEAD...

We are very hopeful that the Department of Education & Skills will issue some guidance to schools in the coming weeks regarding re-opening the buildings for the next academic year. We will keep parents informed of any change but we may find out information at the same time as everything is generally issued through the media. Rest assured, the health and safety of our whole school community is our number one priority.

Some changes will inevitably come about:

- Access to our school building will change - we may have to stagger start times, pupils and staff only on site etc.
- The 8.40a.m. - 8.50a.m. extra supervision provided on rota by the teaching staff in the sunroom will not take place, the main school door will open at 8.50a.m. and the children will walk directly to their classrooms.
- We can no longer accept cash into the school - all transactions for school crests, book rental, classroom stationery will be managed through our Aladdin system or online banking.

We are awaiting official guidance, we will keep you informed over the coming weeks.

COMMUNICATION OVER SUMMER

As the school is now closed for Summer Holidays, communication via info@kilcoonans.ie is best. SeeSaw and staff email will now cease for the duration of the holidays.

We will be in contact with incoming Junior Infant children to plan for their induction into the school as soon as we have a clearer picture of what the new year will look like.

Please note it is very important for each family to **register with Aladdin** - this system is a Software Management System that enables you the parent to communicate with the school and it is also where the End of Year Reports will issue on Monday, 29th June. **You need to have signed in and verified your account in order to access your child's end of year report.** We would like to wish you all a very **safe and healthy** summer break, we look forward with hope to our next academic year.



Goodbye 6th Class
WE WILL MISS YOU!

*BEHIND YOU,
all your memories.
BEFORE YOU,
all your dreams.
AROUND YOU,
all who love you.
WITHIN YOU,
all you need.*



CLASS OF 2020

*Aileen
Aisling
Cathal
Charlotte
Daniel G.
Daniel L.
Emma
Ethan
Isabel
Jade
Katelyn
Lauren
Lily
Luke
Mark
Naoise
Oisín
Richard
Róisé
Ruby
Sarah
Shane*