

## Scoil Náisiúnta Chaisleáin Uí Liatháin

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### Nuachtlitir – Feabhra 2021

- **Ar ais ar Scoil?** Unfortunately, we are not back in school this week as had been originally planned by the government when this lockdown was announced and we don't have a definite date of return as this Nuachtlitir issues. While Remote Teaching & Learning is not ideal for everybody concerned, it is as good an alternative as anyone can conceive at present, given the current circumstances of the pandemic. It is generally agreed that the online work is much better and successful this time round than it was during the first lockdown, thanks to the huge efforts of teachers, pupils and parents/guardians alike. Well done to all concerned and keep up the good work. We are all hopeful that we'll be able to return to school sooner rather than later but only when it is safe to do so.
- **Comhghairdeas:** We extend our heartiest congratulations to both Ms Ó Tuama, her husband Dara & family on the recent birth of their son Cian and to Ms Fox, her husband Steve & family on the recent birth of their daughter Jessica. Comhghairdeas ó chroí libh.
- **Comhbrón:** We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Mary Fenton (Treasurer- Board of Management) and her family on the recent death of her uncle, Jim O'Sullivan (Rathcormac) RIP. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.
- **Cruinnuithe Tuismitheoirí / Múinteoirí:** We have decided to defer our Parent / Teacher meetings until the week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March. These meetings will be held over the phone (rather than face to face) and will be booked through Aladdin. Further information with greater details re. booking etc. will issue nearer the date of the meetings.

- **Clárú / Enrolment:** Admission / Enrolment Forms for pupils starting school next September are now available on our Blog at [www.castlelyonsns.com](http://www.castlelyonsns.com) or by contacting the school: [castlelyonsns@gmail.com](mailto:castlelyonsns@gmail.com) or by calling 025-36220 or 086-4112889. Our Admissions Policy and our Annual Admission Notice are also available on our Blog. Please be aware that completed **Admission / Enrolment Forms need to be returned to the school by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021.** I would appreciate if you would pass this information on to any neighbours, relatives or friends who don't have a child in the school at present but who will have a child starting in September. Go raibh maith agaibh.
- **Tomar Trust Donation:** As many of you are already aware, we have an ambition in the school for some time now to undertake two projects, (i) to put a soft surface on our Infant play area and (ii) to develop a separate soft surface play area with specialised play equipment for our special needs pupils. Some fundraising has been done over the past number of years by Parents' Associations and individuals for these projects. Some of the money raised has already been spent on furnishing our Sensory Room in the school. However, our total funds from the fundraising events for these projects do not meet the cost of completing them. Due to the current pandemic, further fundraising is severely curtailed and will be for the foreseeable future. Because of this, we made an application to Dr Tom Cavanagh's Tomar Trust for support. We have received confirmation that the Tomar Trust will make a very substantial donation towards the projects, something for which we are extremely grateful. We now hope to be able to proceed with the completion of both projects as soon as is practicable and safe. Míle buíochas to Dr Tom Cavanagh (Fermoy) & the Tomar Trust for their generosity. Go gcúití Dia libh é.
- **Athbhreithniú ar Pholsaithe:** The following are school policies that were recently reviewed by the staff / Parents' Association / Board of Management.

- i)** Oral Language – English Whole School Plan
- ii)** Homework Policy
- iii)** Administration of Medication Policy
- iv)** Ceol / Music Plan

Both the revised Homework Policy and Administration of Medication Policy are available on our school Blog. All policies are available to view, on request, in the school office.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

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