



**1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

***Dear Parents and Guardians,***

We hope all are well. Further to my school newsletter issued last week, please note below some information updates and some gentle reminders.

***Best wishes,***

***Mr. Caulfield, Principal***

- **Ukraine Crisis Appeal:** due to recent events in Ukraine, **we are inviting donations to the Irish Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal through Aladdin**. A payment link has been set up and is now live. This is of course optional. All monies raised will go directly to this important cause. Further information can be found here: [www.redcross.ie](http://www.redcross.ie) Tomorrow in school, during our friendship themed assemblies, we will hold a minute's reflection in the hope of peace in Europe and our world. This will of course be communicated to children in a sensitive, age and stage appropriate way.
- **Latest COVID-19 information and related updates:**
  - **Masks are now optional for all in school.** We of course will respect and support everybody's choice in relation to mask wearing.
  - **Please continue to inform us if your child has a positive COVID-19 test result.** In such circumstances, we will continue to inform other parents within your child's class and we will continue to send on the antigen testing information.
  - **If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms, it remains the case that they must not come to school.** Children who present in school with symptoms will continue to be sent home immediately. Children must be 48 hours symptom free before returning to school, regardless of COVID-19 test results.
  - **It remains the case that any child who is sick at all, including non-COVID illnesses, should not be in school.**
  - **From Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022: School starts at 8.50am sharp.** Pupils arriving to the yard after this time will be late and must enter through the front door, where they will be listed as late for school.
  - **As we continue to unwind COVID-19 restrictions, we are now also in the process of bringing back many daily activities** previously cancelled due to the pandemic. We also plan to have our after school activities programme recommenced for term 3. Further information in relation to these developments will be communicated as soon as possible.
- **Please check out our new, cool and whole-school "Literacy Lanes" musical photo slideshow** celebrating the children's January theme of literacy and writing. This musical video is now live on our website homepage [www.stfintansns.ie](http://www.stfintansns.ie)
- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 is World Book Day.** As communicated last week, all children can dress up on the day for school as their favourite character from a book. This is of course optional. Children who choose to dress up must bring a book featuring their dress-up character. It is not simply a non-uniform day.
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Children can wear green** to school to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Again, this is of course optional for children.
- **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March: Down Syndrome Ireland Day. Children can wear odd socks** to school on this date. We'll have some fun games and parents will be welcome to make a small contribution on the day to the Down Syndrome Ireland charity.