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A Chairde,

I hope that everybody is safe and well. Apologies for the long *Imlitir*, but we have a lot of information to get out there, this week.

It is hard to believe that it is ten **weeks**, since the school closed so abruptly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the great response and co-operation the school has received in that time. Huge thanks are also due to the staff for their efforts to keep engaged with all the children under their care. This is a hard time for everybody on a personal as well as professional basis. Please keep in contact with the teachers by email, Seesaw, Class Dojo or Google Classroom. Send us a message, a picture, some work or just ask us a question. Your teachers would love to hear from you and to see the great work that is being done. Please keep in touch. If you have any problems email us office@stmarystrim.ie or you can phone Mrs Nally on the school mobile number 087 3223206. We are here to help.

At last week's **assembly**, we saw some lovely photos of our pupils' pets. Thanks to Rebecca for the wonderful slideshow. Next week, as we come to the end of May, pupils may send in photos of their drawings of Our Lady, for the slideshow. We are now posting the slideshows separately on our Facebook page and website. Please send to office@stmarystrim.ie by 3.00 on Thursday. Pupils are also welcome to bring their drawing of Our Lady to the assembly and to dress in blue, if they wish! Please note that for security reasons, ID will be required for all future assemblies.

These are the planned assemblies for the rest of the school year:

Friday May 29th: *Our Lady* (End of May, the Month of Mary)

Friday June 5th: *E-Sports Day* (This will be at the end of Be Active Week)

Friday June 12th: *Creative week*

Friday June 19th: *Water Safety*

Friday June 26th: *Pupil Wellbeing*

Tuesday June 30th: *Uniform Day* (Last day in school. Pupils may dress in their uniform or part of their uniform and we will nominate a charity for donations!)

Book Collections: will be on Wednesday except for the Sixth Classes. That will be later in June. School will be open, once only, from 1.00 to 1.30 for families with siblings and 1.30 to 3.00 for others. It will be workbooks only for Junior Infants to Second Classes and books &

workbooks for Third to Fifth Classes. We decided against timetabling, but you can collect from more than one room. Social distancing will be strictly adhered to and interaction with teachers or other parents will be strongly discouraged. If possible, please do not bring children. Your cooperation is essential for the safety of all. Please bring back any library books that belong to the school and leave them in the box provided.

Swimming and School Tour Refunds: We have already refunded school tour monies but are unable to do refunds for swimming, as a time limit has expired. We will carry over to next year and if swimming cannot happen, we will refund then.

Be Active Week: Our Be Active Committee has been busy organising this week, and they have some nice surprises lined up for us. It starts on Wednesday June 3rd and finishes on Tuesday June 9th. Our **E-Sports Day** will be in the middle. Thanks to the Be Active Committee for spending so much time to ensure we still have our Be Active Week and Sports Day.

Building Projects Update: We had planned to start our **extension** at the beginning of July but due to Covid 19, this is now delayed. It will probably not happen until 2021. We also had a project lined up to install **wheelchair ramps** outside all relevant classrooms. This was due to happen at Easter but was again delayed due to Covid 19. This is now due to start in about two weeks. I will keep you posted.

Booklists for next year: Being mindful of the current situation, the cost of booklists will be reduced for next year. We have reduced most of the rental charges and also the €60 for admin, photocopying, Visual arts etc. has been reduced to €45. We will not have a Homework Journal, that will be done by email/Seesaw/Class Dojo/Google Classroom. We are not collecting for swimming, until we see what our guidance is on that. We hope to have the new booklists ready in about a week. We will be encouraging every family to join the book rental scheme, as this will enable us to be flexible in September. We can mix last year's and this year's books, if need be. Rentals will be a great financial deal for parents/guardians also.

Book Grant Applications: Please fill in the form below, if you feel that you may qualify for the School Book Grant. Please note the qualification criteria (families in need) and the return date. Forms may be returned by email to office@stmarystrim.ie or post to the school.

D.T. News: The following are the links to the online lessons I will be conducting this week. Under each lesson I will add what we are doing and what I hope everyone will have ready for me before the lesson. Please note that the lessons start at 11am each morning and I will not admit anyone to the lesson after 11:05. Unfortunately because it is all online it would mean starting the lesson again over and over again. Thank you to all the students who join me each week – it is always lovely to see you online and to know that you are enjoying this time we have together. Keep up the good work!

Debby Walsh

1st and 2nd Class Scratch Lesson Link: meet.google.com/cdo-dres-xzg

Please open Scratch 3 before joining the online lesson. To do this search for Scratch 3 in the Google search engine, Click on the first link Scratch 3: Imagine, Program, Share and then once it is open click on Create. This week we will make our own Sprite in the Scratch 'paint' facility. We will be talking about each tool that Scratch gives us to use. The assignment for next week will be to create an animation using a sprite you have created.

3rd Class Google Slides Lesson Link: meet.google.com/bms-cmqi-yjj

This week we will finish our Viking Slide presentation. I will be showing everyone how to include a video into the slides presentation, we will be going over animating our slides and how to share them with your teachers. Please login to your Google drive (name@stmarystrim.ie) and then join me for the lesson – by doing this you will automatically be added to the video call and we can begin the lesson immediately. I will be giving out your new assignment for the week at the end of the lesson.

4th Class Google Slides Lesson Link: meet.google.com/kni-thxb-yku

We will be completing the Google Slide presentation from last week during this lesson. I will be going over animations in slides, inserting video footage, linking text to information on Google and how to use information from the internet in a presentation. Please login to your Google drive (name@stmarystrim.ie) and then join me for the lesson – by doing this you will automatically be added to the video call and we can begin the lesson immediately. I will be giving out your new assignment for the week at the end of the lesson.

5th Class Tinkercad Lesson Link: meet.google.com/qkv-djwj-pfu

Please be logged in to the Class online before logging in to the lesson. This week I will meet you all online to talk about the lessons you did from the Tinkercad site. We will talk about any problems you might have with using basic functions in Tinkercad and we will also begin to discuss any design ideas you might have and how you can successfully achieve them. Your assignment for the next week will be to complete these lessons (if you haven't already) and to come up with a design that I can download and print once we are back in school. You will be given an assignment for the following week in Google Slides based on your idea above.

6th Class Tinkercad Lesson Link: meet.google.com/ngt-jqdp-zsz

Please be logged in to the Class online before logging in to the lesson This week I will meet you all online to talk about the lessons you did from the Tinkercad site. We will talk about any problems you might have with using basic functions in Tinkercad and we will also begin

to discuss any design ideas you might have and how you can successfully achieve them. Your assignment for the next week will be to complete these lessons (if you haven't already) and to come up with a design you can put together and share with me. You will be given an assignment for the following week in Google Slides based on your idea above.

This is a great opportunity for pupils to upskill on their DT knowledge and no parental input is needed, no corrections are necessary. Please encourage your children to avail of the opportunity.

As you are aware, many of our classes are using **Google Classroom**. Two weeks ago, I posted a video clip for parents/guardians on how to use it. Last week I attached a powerpoint slide show for parents/guardians of pupils using Google Classroom. This week, we will have a Zoom meeting for parents/guardians only, when we will give a live presentation followed by a Q&A session, at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesday May 26th. This is the link to post your questions, preferably prior to the meeting:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OHOGRA_TyXiobRidFnbvMrvwSIpiQxe2pR7EJXSKg1IQ/edit

It is live now and does not need permission.

Parents/Guardians of First Class boys, who wish to enrol them in St Michael's next year, please contact stmichaelsapps2020@gmail.com

Green News

We gave Mrs Nally a Green News day off!



*The World is our Common Home
Stay safe, stay home and stay green!*

Dóchas Linn

Cóilín Ó Coigligh P.O.

BOOK GRANT SCHEME

Any Parent/Guardian who feel that due to genuine hardship which exists because of unemployment, prolonged illness of a parent, a single parent family or other circumstances that would imply a similar degree of domestic financial hardship, should apply on the form below for our Book Grant Scheme for some of next year's books. The books may be new or second-hand. This grant does not include copies and is strictly limited by the amount allotted by the Department of Education. Applications should be returned to the school Principal, by email to office@stmarystrim.ie or post to the school, on or before **Friday 5th June**. **No forms will be accepted after that date.**

APPLICATION FORM

I wish to apply for school textbooks from the Book Grant Scheme for the year 2020/2021 due to the following circumstances.

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian. Date: _____

Child's Name	Child's Class (e.g. Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st Class.....)	Room Number