

Scoil Náisiúnta Domhnach Mór

December 2021



Important Closure Dates and Times :

Enclosed the Official Breaks as set out by Department of Education & Skills standardised year.

Christmas 2021	Closing Wednesday 22 nd December 2021 @ 12 noon Re-opening Thursday 6 th January 2022
February Mid-Term Break	School closed Thursday 24 th February & Friday 25 th February 2022
St. Patrick's Day Holiday	School closed Thursday 17 th March & Friday 18 th 2022
Easter 2021	Closing Friday 8 th April 2022 @ 12 noon and re-opening Monday 25 th April 2022
May Bank Holiday	School closed Monday 2 nd May 2022
June Bank Holiday	School closed Monday 6 th June 2022
Summer Holidays	School closing Friday 24 th June 2022 @ 12 noon



Christmas 'Performances'



Each class teacher will communicate with you when your child/ren have a special Christmas message for you. Unfortunately, this year once again, we are very much curtailed in relation to Christmas performances – some classes will be displaying their Christmas Art/ others saying poems/a Nativity/others making mini movies....so keep tuned for the latest update over the next few days, from your class teacher(s).

Important Items to Note:

It is of the utmost importance, at all times, that the parent(s) contact details we hold in the school are up to date and correct eg mobile number/email address. Please inform us immediately if your contact details change, in order that we can update our system.

In the event that your child/ren receive a positive result from a Covid-19 test, we would ask that you contact the school on 061) 418173 during school hours and by email

donoughmorenslink@gmail.com outside of school hours, week days and weekends.

If your child is within a pod of a confirmed positive case, we will inform you, via email and text, the necessary details to order antigen tests. The children in a pod of a confirmed COVID-19 case **can continue to attend school as long as they have no symptoms and they do not have a positive COVID-19 test result (antigen or PCR).**

However, if they are a close contact of a household case, please follow the HSE advice.

Hopefully, cases in our school will be kept to an absolute minimum, with all of us doing our level best to avoid contracting this virus.

A reminder, if your child is sick, please keep them at home.

Pupils boxes will be sent home for the duration of the holidays. Please clean them! Also, please return them on the first day back (6th January 2022) where they will be sanitised.

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Parent Teacher Meetings:

Parent Teacher Meetings are now almost complete. Teachers have contacted parents by phone &/ email. If there is ever a concern that you wish to discuss with your child's teacher, please arrange through the class teacher directly by email or myself through the office. I would ask that teachers are contacted by email between school hours 9am-2.40pm and not contacted by email outside of school hours please. Thank you.

Parent Teacher Association:-

The Parent Teacher Association held a meeting via Zoom recently. A Christmas Raffle has been organized and will be held Tuesday 21st December. **All cards (filled or unfilled) must be returned by Friday 17th December.** All monies collected to be transferred via your Aladdin link. You will be contacted if you are a lucky winner!!! Prizes include 10" Tablet, 8" Tablet, a Giant Teddy and Baby Bear!! All pupils will receive a surprise on the day!!

We would like to sincerely thank the members who have left the PTA due to their children moving onto secondary school – Marie, Ger and Maureen- these parents were very active within the PTA down through the years and will be sadly missed. We wish them and their families all the very best going forward. A little gift is being organised to acknowledge their wonderful contribution.

Our wonderful secretary Bríd will also be acknowledged by the PTA on behalf of all the parents, for her wonderful contribution to Donoughmore NS for the past 20 years. We wish Bríd and her family all the very best ~ she'll always hold a special place in Donoughmore NS!

Road Safety:-

All classes have revisited road safety lessons within their classrooms. Most classes have 'walked the space' with the pupils at this stage. The Road Safety Authority have delivered a virtual Road Safety session to all classes in November. Working together with you the parents, will help ensure the safety of all children attending Donoughmore NS.

Fyffes Fitness Challenge:-

2nd Class participated in the Fyffes Fitness Challenge for School earlier this term This entailed taking part in a multi-award-winning fitness programme with a difference and earning banana points for their efforts. They used a combination of exercises designed by the Fyffes Fit Squad coaches, Phil Healy and David Gillick. Well done to Mrs Quigley and the pupils of 2nd Class.

MarathonKids Ireland:-

MarathonKids Ireland is an 8 week programme targeting 5th & 6th Class students in schools across Ireland. Students will learn about the health benefits of sport and perform four running sessions each week inching them closer to completing their first marathon as well as learning about the benefits of physical activity. In early February, our 6th class will take part in 4 running sessions per week over the course of 8 weeks. They will run 26.2 miles in total. Hopefully they will have gained lots of knowledge as well as earning the marathon medal and t-shirt at the end of the sessions!

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Thanks to Miss Griffin for organising it and wishing all involved the very best as they complete their first marathon!!

Irish Dancing:-

Irish dancing classes with Pat O'Dea will commence again, after Christmas. It will cost €3 per pupil for the duration of the lessons. The PTA once again have kindly offered to sponsor half the cost. This is very much appreciated. Details about paying through Aladdin to follow early in the new year.

Final Note.....

I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank the wonderful pupils of our school. They have adapted so well to all the procedures that have now been integrated into their school day ~ keeping a safe distance from each other, keeping their hands to themselves, continuing to wash and sanitise every day and following general good hygiene etiquette. On our return after the Christmas break, we will continue, along with yourselves as parents, to remind them of all these health and safety measures. I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank and acknowledge all the staff in Donoughmore NS, the teachers, SNAs, secretary and caretaker for their continued dedication, positive attitude and incredible effort (on an academic and health & safety front) during these times. Thank you to all the parents who have acknowledged our efforts – your words of kindness are very much appreciated always.

Wishing you and yours a very happy, peaceful, healthy and safe Christmas.

Nollaig Shona Dhaoibh go léir,

Mrs. Emer Clifford
Principal

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