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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Vicarstown's Vision 2022

Vicarstown's Vision for 2022 is an important initiative that we are developing at the moment, can I ask one survey to be completed per family to help us find out where we are, where we want to go and how we are going to get there.

Thanks for your continued support.

[Click here for link](#)

Morning Club

Morning club has been running since the start of the school year and has been a great resource for the school.

Following the planned review after term 1, I'd like to outline the following changes based on keeping the club feasible and following best practice as regards child safeguarding.

1. There will be a minimum requirement of two children attending each morning
2. E-mail to be sent to confirm day or days for that week by 6pm (at the latest), the day before.
3. **An e-mail will be sent to inform parent that morning club is not running in the event only one child is attending.**

These changes are intended to keep the club running as numbers have been inconsistent with some mornings having 4 or 5 children and others having no children.

New School Jerseys

Our new school jerseys have arrived and they are fantastic. The design was reached after many contributions from the children. A big "Thank You" to Rita O'Regan and the 45 Drive for funding the jerseys. May we have many great days out in them!

Stay Safe

We have started teaching the Stay Safe Programme. The aim of the Stay Safe programme is to teach children personal safety skills so they can look after themselves in situations which could be upsetting or dangerous. It deals initially with common situations which most children will experience at some stage or other, e.g. getting lost or being bullied. The programme also teaches children the safety skills necessary to protect themselves from physical or sexual abuse and emphasises the importance of telling a trusted adult about any problems they have. The Stay Safe programme is part of the Social, Personal and Health Education curriculum which all primary schools are required to implement. Co-operation between parents and teachers is essential to the success of this programme. It is important that parents are aware of the content of the Stay Safe lessons and are able to discuss the lessons with their children. Your child may bring home worksheets which will inform you on the topics being covered in class and how you can reinforce the messages at home. You can familiarise yourself with the content of the Stay Safe lessons at www.staysafe.ie/teachers/resources.htm. Please contact the school if you wish to discuss the programme further.

Irish Dancing

The children will be starting Irish dancing next week (classes spread over Thursday and Friday). I'd like to thank Ms. Mooney, SEN teacher for taking on the role. We will hopefully have them well proposed for our ceili for seachtaine na gaeilge.

VEX IQ

5th and 6th class are attending the VEX IQ regional event in Kinsale Community School today. We wish the team the very best of luck.



Active Schools

Well done to Adam Molloy who was last week's Active Person of the week. Remember to email the school with any photos if you have an active or sporty weekend.

This week's active schools person of the week is Jack Falvey from Junior Infants. Well done to Jack in keeping so active.

School Milk

Just a reminder to pay for school milk as soon as possible, if your child is availing of it, please.

Head Lice

There have been a number of head lice incidences reported in several classes. Please be vigilant and treat your child's hair. Please note it may take a more than one treatment

Kind regards,

Peter Mulcahy,
Principal