



Scoil Náisiúnta Cill Shléibhe

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New Term:

We are delighted to be back together again and looking forward to the term ahead. We have 7 weeks to bring us to Midterm break on Thursday February 24th and Friday February 25th. This is an important term for all classes as a lot of new topics in Maths, Irish and English get covered. The senior room will, once again, be working on Google Drive based projects and all classes will be preparing for Easter assessments. We look forward to welcoming back Kevin for hurling on Fridays and also starting a new knitting venture with the children.

Health and Safety:

We appreciate the tremendous efforts being made by all to ensure we can all stay as healthy as possible. We appreciate how difficult and frustrating it can be. Getting back into the routines after the Christmas break can take a little time and we are very mindful of this in Killea NS. We will continue to work together to keep our learning environment a very happy and open space. Please also see attached note issued to all schools this week.

Pitch Days:

The pitch and junior play area will be available for us on any dry day. Please be mindful that the ground is still very soft and a change of footwear is essential for the pitch. This includes a change of socks each day if you wish to go on the pitch. School tracksuits can be worn by all children on Thursdays and Fridays for this term. Uniforms, as best you can, on all other days please.

Hurling:

Kevin will start hurling training this term. The senior room will draw up a Winter league schedule which will begin in late January/early February and will be open to all children who wish to participate. The 6th class children will take on the role of mentors to the younger children.

Swimming:

With the current leap in infections and many families isolating, we are going to hold off on committing to swimming lessons until nearer to Easter or even Term 3, depending on how everything is developing by then.

Parent Teacher Phone Updates :

Similar to last year, we will issue dates that you can avail of a phonecall update on how your child is progressing through the term. Face to face meetings are, once again, not being advised. Updates with parents are merely that, as with any good school/staff, any concerns that would arise during the year would be talked through with you at that time and never left until the standard Parent /Teacher slots.

Wishing you all the very best of health, hope and happiness for the weeks and months to come.

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