

# Spring Mid-Term

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are at Midterm already. **The children have all next week off school as it is Midterm break. They resume on Monday 22nd February.**

All the children, parents and teachers have been working very hard for the past few weeks. The teachers have been very impressed with the high level of engagement and work completed by the student. To reward them for this, **I have instructed the teachers not to issue any assignments or activities to the children tomorrow, Friday 12th February. However any zooms scheduled for the day will go ahead.**

A sincere thank you parents for your dedication, wonderful support, kindness and patience over the past few weeks. Teachers know that these past few weeks have not been easy for many. Getting to grips with new distant /remote learning devices has been a massive learning curve. Some of you may be skilled in technology but others will get there in their own time. The joy of learning new things is always with us! And then sometime it's the devices and internet that let us down. Some of you have to go to work, others have to work from home with all it's challenges when children are nearby. Everyone is doing the best that they can in their given circumstances and that is fine. Well done everybody. You deserve the break from Seesaw and Zoom for the week ahead.

Teachers and SNAs miss the energy, interactivity, connectivity and variety of the classroom and so do the children miss it. We miss all the children and are looking forward to having them back in the classroom soon as soon as it is deemed safe, and doing what we do best- teach the children. Seesaw and Zoom, however well presented, will never replace a good working classroom and the web and flow of learning that takes place there.

Enjoy the week. Enjoy Pancake Tuesday and it's delicious messiness. Enjoy the freedom from Seesaw and school zooms. Enjoy doing different things. Maybe try to get the children to do a screen-free day. Spring is in the air. Snowdrops are up. Birds are singing. The vaccine is here. Hope is with us.

Stay safe and see you all back on Seesaw and Zoom from Feb 22nd- for another little while.

**Le Gach Dea Ghuí**

**Bernadette and Staff**