



SWORDS EDUCATE TOGETHER 'FRIENDLY' NATIONAL SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
12th JANUARY 2024

- **Fáilte ar ais** gach duine! As much as the holidays were great, it's nice to get back to a routine, and see all our friends again!
- As a new term starts I'd like to send a **school-wide invitation** to our parent body to come in and volunteer in school in any capacity if you have the time and interest! If you have a particular skillset that you feel you could offer to the children we would love to hear from you! Can you knit? Or play a musical instrument? Have you some STEM knowledge? Or would you enjoy reading to children? Some of our teachers may be in direct contact with you regarding initiatives for your child's class, so keep an eye out, but we would welcome your ideas too!
- At the moment we have capacity on our staff to supervise the children when they come into the building from 8:20am. This gives the children time to settle in and chat with their friends. While I can understand delays the odd morning, we would like all children to be in class at **8:30am**, when teaching begins. Consistent lateness means your child is missing out on valuable learning time.
- If your child has a **smart watch** of any kind it must be disabled during the school day to prevent children making/receiving calls/texts or using the camera. We are also discouraging children coming to school on **e-scooters**. They are too fast and dangerous on the busy paths coming up to school, and are too valuable to be left parked outside school during the day.
- Rang 5 enjoyed a **Squishmallow Day** today as a class treat for great behaviour - they've even convinced Niamh to buy one for herself!!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 19th Jan: School is closed for Staff Autism Training

Tues 30th Jan, Thurs 1st Feb & Fri 2nd Feb: Junior infants & New Entrants
Hearing & Vision Testing

Mon 5th Feb: School Closed Bank Holiday

Wed 14th Feb: Early Closure for Staff First Aid Training

Thurs 15th & Fri 16th Feb: Midterm Break