

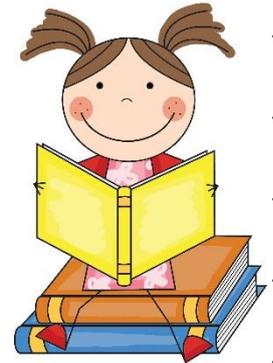


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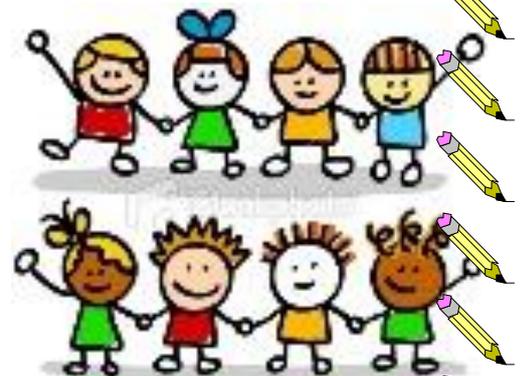
A chailíní,

Tá súil agam go bhfuil sibh go maith agus go bhfuil sibh ag obair go dian. I really enjoyed the Zoom meet up last week so we are doing it again this week. I got some more questions from you - **seo iad na freagraí.**



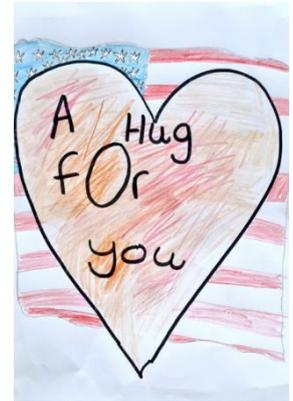
- Will we have 5 or 6 people in 3rd class when we split up?
 - I am not sure what your question means but I hope this answers it. You will have 5 or 6 or maybe 7 from your present class in your 3rd class. The whole class will have 26 or 27 girls just like this year.
- I would like to ask can we put names of girls from a different class/Will we be allowed to put girls from other classes on our list?
 - Put the names of girls from your own class on your **Classmates Flower**. IF you want, you can put the name of 2 or 3 girls from a different class underneath.
- What if you don't remember the girl's name? / What if I don't know what the other girls name is?
 - Your teacher can help you to find out what the girl's name is.

- I am scared to move class because I'll miss my friends and my teacher
 - I know. Moving to a new class is a change and sometimes we worry about change. But you will have some girls from your current class with you. You will have a new teacher and she will talk to you and listen to you just like the teacher you have this year. You will be able to write her a note and you can also write one to me too. If you want to talk to me, put your name on the note.
- Please can we not move classes / every time think of switching classes it makes me feel weird. Do we really have to switch classes. I don't know about this.
 - Moving to a new class is a change and sometimes we worry about change. That is probably why you feel weird when you think about switching class. But you will have some girls from your current class with you. You will have a new teacher and she will talk to you and listen to you just like the teacher you have this year. You will be able to write her a note and you can also write one to me too. If you want to talk to me, put your name on the note.
- I am scared that when I go into 3rd class no-one will like me
 - We are so lucky in our school to have such lovely girls. You know the girls in your class like you and there will be girls from this class in your new class. As you meet the girls in 3rd class, you will get to know each other. Everyone gets a little

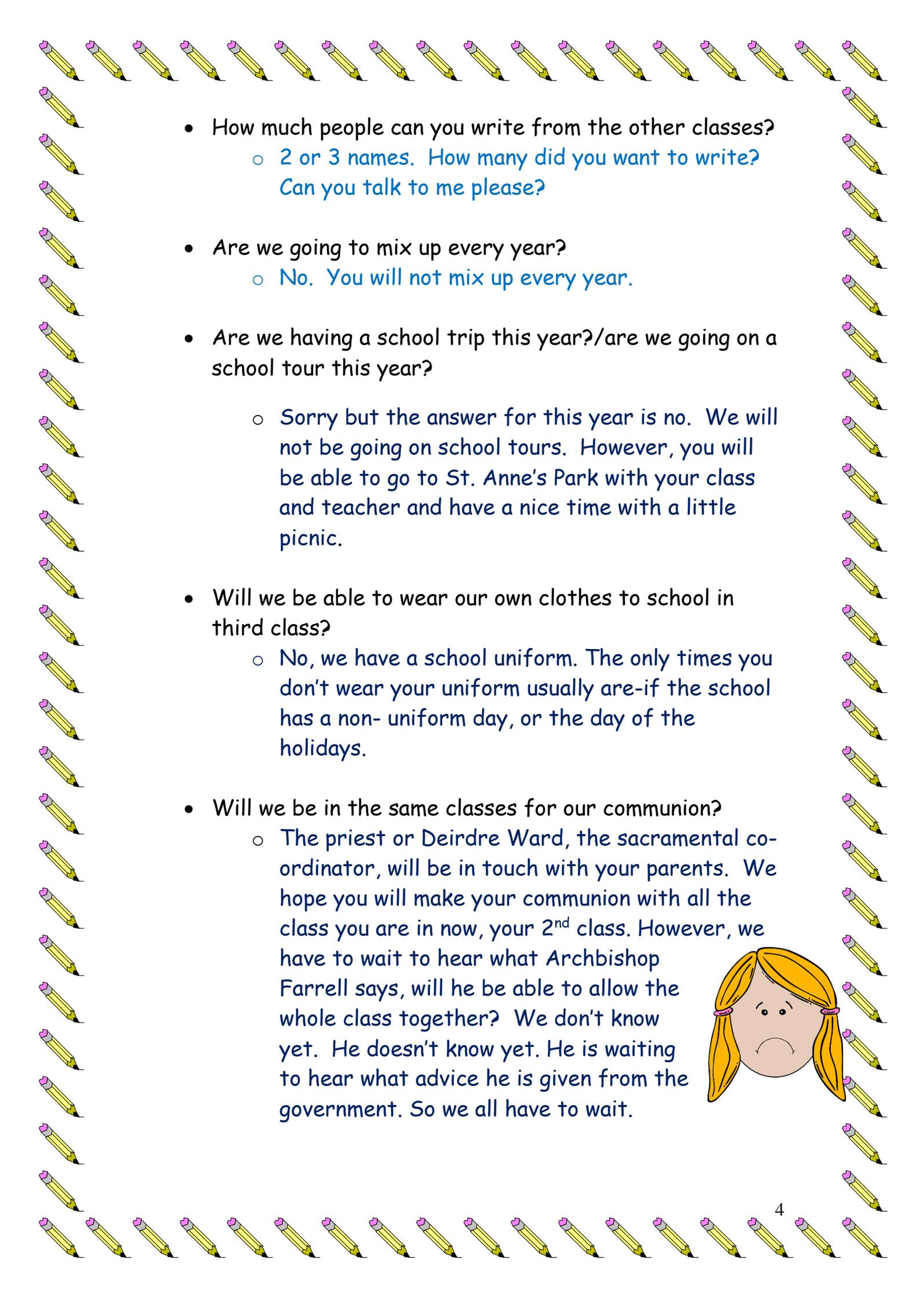


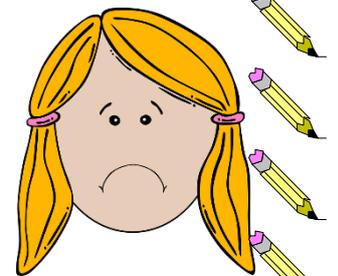
nervous. And sometimes we are a little shy. That is normal. But your teacher will help you get to know each other and have fun together. I bet you were scared coming into 2nd class. A whole new school!! But look how well you settled in and got to know your teacher.

- I am sending you all a hug so you know we will look out for you. This is Adam King's hug that he drew and I think it is lovely.



- What if you don't know who to pick from the other classes?
 - That is okay. You don't have to pick.
- Are you allowed to put the same person 7 times on your flower?
 - I am sorry but the answer is no. You need to put different names. You can talk to your teacher about this too if you would like to.
- How would teachers know who you want the most in your new class?
 - When you put the names on the **Classmates Flower** your teacher will read them.
- I have a best friend. I really want to go to third class with her
 - Put her name on the **Classmates Flower** and we will endeavour to have her in your 3rd class. You can still stay friends with your best friend - you will see them in the yard and you can see them outside of school time.

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- How much people can you write from the other classes?
 - 2 or 3 names. How many did you want to write?
Can you talk to me please?
 - Are we going to mix up every year?
 - No. You will not mix up every year.
 - Are we having a school trip this year?/are we going on a school tour this year?
 - Sorry but the answer for this year is no. We will not be going on school tours. However, you will be able to go to St. Anne's Park with your class and teacher and have a nice time with a little picnic.
 - Will we be able to wear our own clothes to school in third class?
 - No, we have a school uniform. The only times you don't wear your uniform usually are-if the school has a non- uniform day, or the day of the holidays.
 - Will we be in the same classes for our communion?
 - The priest or Deirdre Ward, the sacramental coordinator, will be in touch with your parents. We hope you will make your communion with all the class you are in now, your 2nd class. However, we have to wait to hear what Archbishop Farrell says, will he be able to allow the whole class together? We don't know yet. He doesn't know yet. He is waiting to hear what advice he is given from the government. So we all have to wait.



- I was just wondering how long this school has been here and how old it is.
- Belgrove Senior Girls' School first opened in our present building in 1969/70. However, the origins of our school go back quite a bit further. The original Clontarf National Schools for girls and boys were on Vernon Avenue and opened in 1847. **In 1940 the schools moved to Belgrove House, the building which is now the home of Clontarf G.A.A. Club.** At this time the schools were officially titled St. John the Baptist National Schools, and in Gaeilge, Scoil Eoin Baiste. The name Belgrove was colloquially adopted and, to this day, is the name by which the schools are fondly known far and wide.
- Can you guess how old the school is now if it celebrated 75 years in 2015?



Comhghairdeas 75 years Belgrove Schools 1940 - 2015



I hope these answers help with your questions.
Bíodh deireadh seachtaine maith agaibh!

Le meas,

Mrs. McCarthy,
Príomhoide