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Dear Parents/Guardians

We have almost reached the end of the scholastic year, and what a year it has been. In spite of all the challenges, those of you who co-operated wholeheartedly with the school know that we have tried our utmost to make this a memorable experience for our students.

School will be out on 24 June 2021. In September, children will embark on a new experience in Year 5 and we need to build on what have achieved so far. In one way or another, before the start of the new scholastic year, we will hold a meeting with you. More details will follow closer to the beginning of term.

In the meantime, we are sending you 2 lists.

The first is a list of basic items that the children will need in Year 5. As always, this list is not complete and teachers will add to the list when we actually start school in September. However, this list can help you with budgeting and planning.

- 1 square copybook (1cm)
- Foolscaps (2 holes)
- 2 red flat files, 2 blue flat files, 2 green flat files
- Project Book A5
- Pocket File
- Pencil-case (small ruler, 2 sharpened pencils, 2 blue pens, any colour highlighter, rubber, whiteboard marker, sharpener, 2 coloured pens) + 30cm ruler
- Glue stick, colours, scissors
- Tissues and wet wipes
- Hand wash and hand sanitizer

During the scholastic year, the children will also need other items to include the school diary and photocopy booklets. The price for these items is approximately €30.

The second list is by far much more important. This is a list of things that children need to have mastered before the beginning of Year 5. If you want your children to make progress, then make sure that during the summer months they continue to work regularly. The items on this list will ensure that the children start Year 5 on the right footing. There is no point in making up excuses – children need to study. If need be, children need to study every day until they have mastered certain concepts. Children

study by saying, explaining, writing until they have actually mastered whatever it is that they are trying to learn. Children are expected to:

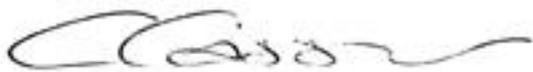
- Know their address and important phone numbers by heart
- Know how to use scissors well.
- Know the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables by heart and are able to differentiate between odd and even numbers.
- Understand the concept of place value up to thousands.
- Be able to round numbers from 1-100 to the nearest 10.
- Understand the concept of addition and subtraction and know key words pertaining to each concept.
- Know how to write the days of the week, the months, colours and basic opposites in both Maltese and English.
- Know basic 2D and 3D shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle, cube, cuboid, sphere, cone...)
- Know how to write the numbers (in words) from 1 to 100 in both Maltese and English
- Know how to tell the time (o'clock, half past and quarter past).
- Know the alphabet in both Maltese and English and be able to put lists of words in alphabetical order (they are also expected to know which are the consonants and vowels in both languages).
- Be able to answer questions about a text, providing a full answer, as well as be able to identify nouns, adjectives and verbs in both Maltese and English.

At the beginning of the new scholastic year, children will be assessed in terms of the above.

During the summer, we also invite all children to take part in the Summer Activity Challenge for 2021. Details will be available on the school website in the coming days. The website is – [smc.zabbarb.skola.edu.mt](http://smc.zabbarb.skola.edu.mt). We also encourage you to check the website regularly for updates. You can also follow us on Facebook.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your trust and co-operation over the past months. Your support means a lot.

Regards



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Head of School