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## **M E S S A G E F R O M T H E P R I N C I P A L**

As we approach the half way point of the first term of this academic year I would like to thank students, parents and the BOM for all their support in helping with the running of our school. It has been a busy few weeks for all and I wish you all an enjoyable mid-term break. All students are invited to dress up in their Halloween Costumes on Friday 25th October. School will resume on Monday 4th November and we look forward to all that the next stage of this term will bring. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the very best of luck to Ms. Keane on her maternity leave and we look forward to welcoming Ms. Kennedy to our staff after the mid-term break.

## **S C H O L A S T I C B O O K F A I R**

Thank you to all who supported our recent Book Fair. A total of €684.70 was raised through this project. Thank you again for your support. This has afforded us the opportunity to reinvest 60% of this money back into purchasing books for the school library.

## **B O O K B I L L S**

Any outstanding book bills can be paid to the class room teacher. If you have any questions relating to this please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher and/or the principal.

## **T I N W H I S T L E**

Well done to all the children that are practising their tin whistle. We are delighted to say that the lessons are going very well. Any outstanding tin whistle money can be paid to the class Teacher. If you would like to discuss this further, please do so with your class teacher and/or the principal.

## **P O L I C I E S**

The school's Child Safe Guarding Statement and Risk Assessment and the school's Anti Bullying Policy have been reviewed by the BOM and are posted on the schools website. The Child Safe Guarding Statement, the Risk Assessment, the name of the DLP (Designated Liaison Person) and the name of the DDLP (Deputy Designated Liaison Person) are posted on the notice board in the school.

## **S W I M M I N G L E S S O N S**

Swimming lessons will take place on the following dates:

### **February 2020:**

Monday 3rd, Monday 10th, Monday 17th and Monday 24th

### **March 2020:**

Monday 2nd, Monday 9th, Monday 23rd and Monday 30th

## **A L D I S T I C K E R S**

We are continuing to collect Aldi stickers. If we collect enough we will be in line to receive free rugby equipment for the school. All contributions are most welcome. Thank you to all parents for the support thus far.

## **T E A M H O P E C H R I S T M A S S H O E B O X A P P E A L**

We are engaging in the Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal again this year. A leaflet regarding this has been sent home to all families. We will collect any donated shoe boxes after the mid-term break. Again, thank you to all students and families for supporting this very worthy cause.



## C O U N T Y P H O T O S

County Photos will call to the school to take the children's photographs on the 4th November 2019. A proof of each photograph taken will be sent home for you to view. Full details on prices and how to purchase will be included with the proof photographs. There is no money to be paid upfront and no obligation to buy the photos once they are taken.

## C O M M U N I C A T I O N

As always, good communication between home and school is vitally important. If you have any issues or concerns relating to your child's learning, please make an appointment with your child's teacher outside of teaching times (unless in an emergency). The school's emails and phone messages are checked regularly each day. Thank you to all parents/guardians for your consideration and cooperation with this.

## P A R E N T S ' C O U N C I L

The Parents' Council AGM will take place in the school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30pm. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. The Parents' Council have also organised for a Cake Sale to take place in the school on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November after 9.30am Mass in Clontubrid. All donations of items for the sale will be very welcome on the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.

## N E W E N R O L M E N T S

If any parents have children for **enrolment for September 2020** could you please let the school know by email (snfiachra@eircom.net). We are presently updating our enrolment pack for 2020 and hope to get it out to parents before Christmas. Also, if you know of any families who have children who may wish to attend the school, could you please pass on this message?

## B O A R D O F M A N A G E M E N T

The current Board of Management will be dissolved at the end of November 2019 and the new Board of Management will take office on the 1st December 2019. The Board of Management is vitally important in overseeing the effective running and management of the school. Thank you to all members of the current board for their dedication, hard work and support of the school over the past four years. The process of nominating and electing the members of the new Board is currently underway. All parents have been written to about this in recent weeks.

## D A T E S F O R Y O U R D I A R Y

25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Mid-Term break Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October through to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November inclusive. School will close on Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October at the normal time of 1.40pm for Infants and 2.40pm for the remainder of the school. School will reopen on Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am.
3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2019	The Parents Council will hold a Cake Sale in the school on Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November after 9.30am Mass in Clontubrid.
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	County Photos will call to the school to take children's photographs.
6 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	The Parents Association AGM will take place in the school at 7.30 pm.
12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent teacher meetings will take place on 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> November.
17 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Plays
20 <sup>th</sup> December	The school will close for the Christmas Break at 12 noon.