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29<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

Dear Parents,

**School Closures** The school will be closed on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** for the May Bank Holiday. On **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** the school and playschool/afterschool will be closed as the school is being used as a polling station for the European and Local Elections.

**Craft Fair** Thank you to everyone who supported our Fundraiser on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March in aid of School Funds. A huge thank you to all who helped organise this event. Also, many thanks to the Parent Association for organising refreshments on the night. It was a tremendous success and enjoyed by all. A special thank you to all the sponsors who kindly donated prizes to the raffle on the night and congratulations to all the winners!  
We raised an amazing €2,895.40. Thank you everyone.

**World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD)** The total amount raised by the School and the Playschool for The Lots Of Socks Fundraiser for World Down Syndrome Day is €227.60. Thank you to all those who donated.

**Lá Glas for St. Patrick's Day** On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** the students dressed up in green and Irish colours for St. Patrick's Day. The total amount raised to date is €230.00. Thank you to all those who donated.

**Standardised Testing** Standardised testing for 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class students will take place in the school the week beginning **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2024**.

**G.A.A. Training** Tadhg O'Connor, Club Development Officer continues G.A.A. training with Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Class students on Friday and also for Ms. Gilhooly Class on Wednesday afternoon, weather permitting.

**Hurling/Camogie** Congratulations to the school Hurling and Camogie teams who progressed to the next round of the Cumann na mBunscol competitions.

**Soccer** The girls team took part in the FAI Primary Schools 5-a-side Soccer County Final in Lecarrow on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. They played very well and came joint second. Well Done!

**First Confession/First Holy Communion** First Confession for 2<sup>nd</sup> class students will take place on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**. 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class will be busy practicing their singing with Ms. Martin for the First Holy Communion. The students from 2<sup>nd</sup> Class have been practicing for their First Holy Communion in St. Michael's Church, Cootehall every Friday from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon in Cootehall Church**.

**Confirmation** Best wishes to all the students who will be making their Confirmation tomorrow, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 a.m. in Croghan Church.

**Gardening** Lazlo from Knockvicar Organic Centre will be coming to our school tomorrow, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

**Graveyard Visit** The students from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class will be visiting Ardcarne Graveyard for a local history tour on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. Lunch will be provided by the Graveyard Committee in Lough Key Forest Park.

**Music Generation** Pdraig from Music Generation continues teaching our students the ukulele, banjo and guitar in Ms. Brennan/Ms. Conroy's Class, Mr. Conboy's Class and Mr. Duffy's Class for the remainder of the school year. We are asking for a contribution of **€15 per student** for fifteen lessons. This contribution can be paid through the online system Way2Pay [here](#)

**R.S.E.** The teachers will be covering the R.S.E. element and Stay Safe Programme of the S.P.H.E. curriculum with all the students in this term. If you have any queries regarding this, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

**Contact Details** If there is any change in your contact details, please let the school know so we can update our data base. Click [here](#) for the contact details form.

**Absence Form** If your child is absent from school for any reason all parents/guardians must complete an Absence Form. Please complete the absence note which is located in the centre of your child's Homework Notebook or click [here](#) for the online Absence Form.

Yours sincerely,

*Cian Duffy*

Principal.