

St. Michael's & St. Patrick's N.S. (Roll No. 19720P)

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Dear Parents,

Roscommon Ladies Final October 12th Children can wear their St. Michael's/St. Ronan's colours **tomorrow Friday 11th October** to celebrate that St. Michael's/St. Ronan's Ladies are in their first Final this Saturday. Hopefully, we will see the cup in the school next week.

School Photos The school photographer will be coming to our school on **Tuesday 15th October**.

Golf Lesson The students from 4th, 5th and 6th class will have a golf lesson with Cian Mulligan, Golf in the Community Officer with Golf Ireland on **Wednesday 16th October**.

Mid-Term Break The school will be finishing at the usual time of 2.10 p.m. and 3.10 p.m. on Friday 25th October. The school will be closed for the week **Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November**. The school will re-open on **Monday 4th November at 9.30 a.m.** after the mid-term break.

Halloween Dress Up On **Friday October 25th** we will have a Halloween Dress Up Day. We look forward to seeing all your wonderful creative Halloween outfits on that day. If you wish you can also bring in some sweets to have with your lunch at second break.

Remember that you have to be able to sit in the class and play in the yard in your outfit. And finally, if your outfit has a mask, please make sure it is not too scary for any of the teachers.

Voluntary Contribution 2024/25 The school are requesting a contribution of **€30 per pupil**. This amount goes towards the cost of art supplies, photocopying and Pupil Personal Accident Insurance. We would be grateful if this contribution could be paid at your earliest convenience. This contribution can be paid through the online system [Way2Pay](#).

Alternatively, this amount can be paid in instalments on the Way2Pay system, if it is more convenient for you. Please find attached Way2Pay Information Sheet and Way2Pay by instalments sheet. Thank you to all who have already paid this contribution.

Supervision Please do not park in front of the school gates for the safety of the children accessing the school. This space is reserved for the school bus only. To ensure the smooth running of this, supervision starts at **9:15 a.m.**, and finishes at **3:20 p.m.** The Board of Management accepts no responsibility for any pupils on the school premises outside of these hours. **We ask that all students remain in their cars until a member of staff opens the gate at 9:15 a.m.** Infant students are dismissed for the end of their day at 2.10 p.m. The infant teacher uses the remaining hour for class preparation and organisation. Students from first to sixth class are dismissed at 3.10 p.m.

Shoe Box Appeal The students are partaking in the shoe box appeal again this year. (Leaflets will be sent out to each family before Halloween).

Swimming Lessons Swimming lessons for pupils in fifth and sixth class will start in Aura Leitrim Leisure, Carrick-on-Shannon on **Tuesday 5th November** and will run every Tuesday for 5 weeks. **The total cost per pupil is €55.00 for five weeks (€4.00 for Swimming Lesson and €7.00 for bus hire per week) and the remainder will be paid by school funds.**

Parent-Teacher Meetings The Parent-Teacher Meetings will be held in the school on **Wednesday 20th November and Thursday 21st November, 2024**. School will be finishing at 2.50 p.m. on Thursday 21st November 2024 to facilitate these meetings. Buses have been re-arranged to suit this early closing. We will try to accommodate all requests, but it may not always be possible. **N.B. Please check your child's homework notebook as appointment times for meetings with the class teachers will be put in your child's homework notebook in the first week after Halloween.**

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.