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13th December, 2021.

Dear Parents,

Christmas To celebrate Christmas we will be having a "Christmas Day" in the school on **Friday 17th December** and the students can wear their Christmas Jumpers instead of their uniform jumpers on this day, if they wish.

The school will close at **12.30 p.m on Wednesday 22nd December** for the Christmas holidays. The school will re-open on **Thursday January 6th** at 9.30 a.m. for our second term. For those using School Transport, Geraghtys school bus will be leaving the school at 12 p.m. as Geraghtys have to do a secondary school run at 12:30 p.m.

The McKenna's bus will leave the school at 12:25 p.m. as traffic outside the school gate may be busy. To further reduce traffic congestion outside the school we will have a staggered dismissal time for all other students.

	Families A-L	Families M- Z
Dismissal Time	12:30 p.m.	12:35 p.m.

There is no breakfast club or afterschool service available on Wednesday 22nd December.

Christmas Mass Fr. Brendan will be celebrating the School Christmas Mass on **Wednesday 22nd December at 10.15 a.m.** in Cootehall Church. The students in 2nd, 5th and 6th Class will walk to and from the Church, weather permitting and should wear high vis vests. The remaining students will have the opportunity to view the Mass online in their classrooms.

Junior/Senior Infants Ms. Christine McLoughlin will be the classroom teacher for the remainder of the school year as Ms. Brennan will be on Maternity Leave. We wish Ms. Brennan all the best on her Maternity Leave. If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child in this class, please contact Ms. McLoughlin at christinemcloughlin52@gmail.com

Enrolment for 2022/23 School Year Enrolment for the 2022/2023 school year is taking place between now and the end of December. For more details please see our school website www.cootehallns.com or contact the Principal's Office in the school - phone no. 071-9667264.

Music Generation Due to the success of the Music Generation Pilot Scheme programme in our school, we will continue this programme for the Junior/Senior Infants and First Class students for the remainder of the school year. We are asking for a contribution of **€10 per student** for

Junior/Senior Infants and 1st Class students. This contribution can be paid through the online system Way2Pay in January.

G.A.A. Training Peter Carney continues G.A.A. training with 2nd to 6th Class students on Thursday, weather permitting.

Voluntary Contribution 2021/22 The school are requesting a contribution of **€40 per pupil** for this school year. This amount goes towards the cost of School Book Rental Scheme, Online subscriptions, homework notebook, art supplies, photocopying and Pupil Personal Accident Insurance. This contribution can be paid through the online system Way2Pay. Thank you to those who have already paid this money to the school.

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.

Covid-19 We would ask that all parents remain vigilant for the signs and symptoms of Covid-19. Please do not send your children to school if they are in any way unwell.

Contact Details If there is any change in your contact details or emergency contact details, please let the school know so we can update our data base.

Wishing everyone a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas and best wishes for 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Cian Duffy

Principal.