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Dear Parents,

School Closure The school will close at 12.30 p.m. on **Thursday 2nd June** to facilitate Inservice Training for the teachers for the new Language Curriculum.
The school will also be closed on **Friday 3rd and Monday 6th June** for the June Bank Holiday.

Mindfulness A mindfulness programme will be ran in the school for all classes on **Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th May**. Ms. Lorraine McHugh, Creative Mindfulness Practitioner will deliver a workshop with each class during the programme. ***Each student will need to bring in an empty clear plastic 500 ml bottle to the school on that day.***

First Holy Communion

Final Practice:

The students from 2nd Class will be having their final practice for their First Holy Communion in St. Michael's Church, Cootehall this Friday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The students will walk to and from the Church, weather permitting and should wear high vis vests. First Holy Communion for the second class students will take place on **Sunday 29th May at 1.00 p.m.** in Cootehall Church.

Choir Rehearsal: Ms. Martin's school choir will be going to the Church on **Thursday 26th May** to practice. The students will walk to and from the Church, weather permitting and should wear high vis vests. We ask that all the choir be at the church at 12.50 p.m. on Sunday 29th May.

Eco Showboat Project The students from 5th and 6th class are taking part in a river sampling session at Easky River, Boyle on Friday 27th May as part of a water quality awareness initiative with the Local Authorities Water Programme. The session will help with the Eco Showboat Project.

Tennis Lessons The students from Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st Class continue Tennis Lessons with Tennis Instructor Tim Clarke every Wednesday for five weeks. The total cost of these lessons are **€5.00 per student**. This contribution can be paid through the online system Way2Pay [here](#) The remainder of the fees will be paid by the school.

G.A.A. Training Stephen Bohan will continue G.A.A. training with 2nd to 6th Class students on Thursday mornings, weather permitting.

Hurling/Camogie Neil Desmond and Prionsias Killion will continue Hurling/Camogie training with 3rd to 6th Class students on alternate Tuesdays. 3rd and 4th Class this Tuesday, 5th and 6th Class next Tuesday.

Graveyard Visit The students from 5th and 6th class will be visiting Ardcarne Graveyard for a local history tour on **Thursday 9th June**. Lunch will be provided by the Graveyard Committee in Lough Key Forest Park. There will also be a related talk in the school for the 5th and 6th class students on **Wednesday 8th June**.

School Tours On **Friday 17th June** Junior Infants to 2nd Class students are going to Glendear Pet Farm in Athlone. The cost of the trip is €21.00 each (€8.50 for Glendear Pet Farm and €12.50 towards bus hire) the excess cost of the tour will be paid from school funds. This payment can be made through the online system Way2Pay [here](#).

On **Tuesday 21st June, 2022** the students from 3rd to 6th Class will be going to Baysports Centre at the Hudson Bay in Athlone where they will take part in water sports activity. The cost of the tour is €30.00 each (€17.50 for the Baysports Centre and €12.50 towards bus hire) the excess cost of the tour will be paid from school funds. This payment can be made through the online system Way2Pay [here](#).

Music Generation The Music Generation programme continues 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**. This contribution can be paid through the online system Way2Pay [here](#) 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.

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 [here](#). Thank you to those who have already paid this money to the school.

Yours sincerely,

Cian Duffy
Principal.