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Dear Parents,

Welcome We welcome Elaine Hamilton to our school who will be with us to the end of the school year. We also welcome Nadine Johnston who is on teaching placement in 3rd and 4th Class. We wish them both all the best.

Amber Flag - Jersey Day As part of our Amber Flag Project to promote wellbeing in our school, we are celebrating a Jersey Day this Friday, 13th May. Children are encouraged to wear any jersey of their choice and make a contribution of €2 which will go towards the charity, Pieta House. The students in 5th and 6th class will be running a mini sports day for all classes on the day.

School Closure The school will be closed on **Friday 3rd and Monday 6th June** for the June Bank Holiday.

Tennis Lessons The students from Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st Class will be starting Tennis Lessons with Tennis Instructor Tim Clarke **tomorrow Wednesday 11th May** and will continue 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.

First Holy Communion The students from 2nd Class will be having a practice for their First Holy Communion in St. Michael's Church, Cootehall every 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 1.30 p.m.** in Cootehall Church.

Standardised Testing Standardised testing for 1st to 6th class students will take place in the school next week.

Creative Writing Workshop The students from 5th and 6th Class took part in a Creative Writing Workshop on Friday 6th May with Mary Branley, Artist in Residence.

G.A.A. Training Stephen Bohan will continue G.A.A. training with 2nd to 6th Class students on Thursday mornings, weather permitting. This Thursday Ms. Conroy's class will also do G.A.A. for this week only.

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

Cycling Training Programme The students from 5th and 6th Class will continue the Cycling Training Programme in conjunction with Roscommon Sports Partnership on **Thursday 19th May**. As part of this training, the 5th and 6th class students can bring their bicycles, helmets etc to school on that day.

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.***

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**.

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.