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6th October, 2022.

Dear Parents,

School Closure The school will close at **12.30 p.m.** on **Monday 24th October** to facilitate Inservice Training for the teachers for the new Language Curriculum. Buses have been re-arranged to collect the students at this time.

Mid-Term Break The school will be finishing at the usual time of 2.10 p.m. and 3.10 p.m. on Friday 28th October. The school will be closed for the week **Monday 31th October to Friday 4th November**. The school will re-open on **Monday 7th November at 9.30 a.m.** after the mid-term break.

Halloween Dress Up On Friday October 28th 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. Also hands still need to be sanitised so any gloves need to be removable! And finally if your outfit has a mask please make sure it is not too scary for any of the teachers!

Yearly Contribution 2022 The school are requesting a contribution of **€45 per pupil**. This amount goes towards the cost of School Book Rental Scheme, Online subscriptions, homework notebook, 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, Way2Pay Login Guide and Way2Pay by instalments sheet. Thank you to those who have already paid this money to the school.

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 this year. (Leaflets have been sent out to each family). Anybody interested in taking part should bring their shoe box back to the school **before Monday 8th November, 2022.**

Soccer Soccer training continues every Wednesday weather permitting for Ms. McLoughlin's Class, Mr. Duffy's Class and Ms. Gilhooly's Class.

GAA GAA training continues every Thursday weather permitting up to Halloween for 1st to 6th class students.

Gardening Lazlo from Knockvicar Organic Centre will be coming to our school every Tuesday up to Halloween for Ms. Conroy/Ms. Brennan's Class and Ms. Gilhooly's Class.

First Holy Communion First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 20th May at 11:30 a.m. in Cootehall Church.**

Confirmation will be held on **Wednesday 3rd May at 11.00 a.m. in Cootehall Church.**

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.