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27<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

Dear Parents,

**Easter Holidays** The school will close at 12.30 p.m. on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** for the Easter Holidays. Buses have been re-arranged to collect the students at this time. The school will re-open for the third term on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**. There is no breakfast club or afterschool service available on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Fundraiser for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake Disaster** The total amount raised to date is **€223** to help those affected by the Earthquake. Thank you to all those who donated to this worthy cause.

**Swimming Lessons** Swimming lessons for Ms. Conroy/Ms. Brennan's Class and Senior Infants in Ms. Tansey's class will start in Aura Leitrim Leisure, Carrick-on-Shannon on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April and will run every Tuesday for 6 weeks**. The total cost per pupil is €54.00 for six weeks (€4.00 for Swimming Lesson and €5.00 for bus hire per week) and the remainder will be paid by school funds. This payment can be made through the online system way2pay [here](#).

**Music Generation** The Music Generation programme will start in the third term. More details later.

**Aldi Play Rugby Stickers** We are participating in the ALDI Play Rugby promotions for primary schools. Thank you to all who have already brought in stickers 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.

**First Holy Communion** The students from 2<sup>nd</sup> Class will be having a practice for their First Holy Communion in St. Michael's Church, Cootehall every Friday from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. The students will walk to and from the Church, weather permitting and should wear high vis vests, otherwise the school will organise a bus.

First Holy Communion for the second class students will take place on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 11:30 a.m. in Cootehall Church**.

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

**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 with St. Michael's Coaches continues this Thursday weather permitting for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Class.

**Gardening** Lazlo from Knockvicar Organic Centre will be coming to our school every second Tuesday after Easter to continue gardening with our students in Ms. McLoughlin's Class.

**Hurling Blitz** The boy's school hurling team are playing in their Cumann na mBunscol blitz **today Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March** in St. Croan's GAA Pitch, Ballintubber.

**FAI Soccer Competition** The FAI Primary School 5's Soccer Competition is taking place in Lecarrow on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

**Stained Glass Workshop** Colette Langan, local artist came to the school today and will be coming again on Thursday to deliver a stained glass workshop to Mr. Duffy's Class.

Yours sincerely,

*Cian Duffy*  
Principal.