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Dear Parents,

School Closures The school will be closed on **Friday 17th March for St. Patrick's Day.**

World Book Day and Fundraiser for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake Disaster The students will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite character from a book for 'World Book Day' on **Thursday 2nd March**. In conjunction with World Book Day, we are organising a fundraiser to help those affected by the Earthquake. If you wish, you can make a donation (pre-set at €2, but can be changed at your discretion) through the online system way2pay [here](#) which will go directly to UNICEF Ireland to assist with their response to the Earthquake.

McKenna's School Bus As you know there has been an issue with the McKenna's bus run this past week. As of yet this issue is not resolved and we have not yet received an indication from Bus Eireann or McKennas as to when this bus will be in operation again. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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.

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

School Lunches The students will have time before both breaks to eat their lunch. We encourage all the students to have healthy lunches. Students should not bring in sweets, chocolate, fizzy drinks, crisps or popcorn as part of their healthy lunch. Chewing gum is not allowed in school.

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 on Fridays weather permitting for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class.

Gardening Lazlo from Knockvicar Organic Centre will be coming to our school every second Tuesday to continue gardening with our students in Mr. Duffy's Class.

Yours sincerely,

Cian Duffy

Principal.