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20th October, 2023.

Dear Parents,

<u>Mid-Term Break</u> The school will be finishing at the usual time of 2.10 p.m. and 3.10 p.m. on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. The school will be closed for the week **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.** The school will re-open on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 a.m.** after the mid-term break.

<u>Halloween Dress Up</u> On Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> 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. And finally, if your outfit has a mask, please make sure it is not too scary for any of the teachers.

<u>School Staffing</u> Ms. Corcoran's class will be shared amongst Mr. Conboy's and Mr. Duffy's classes from Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

<u>Roscommon County Final October 28<sup>th</sup></u> Children can wear their St. Michael's colours on Wednesday and Thursday as excitement builds up in the community for the St. Michael's v Clann na Gael Final.

<u>Parent-Teacher Meetings</u> The Parent-Teacher Meetings will be held in the school on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. School will be finishing at 2.50 p.m. on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to facilitate these meetings. Buses have been re-arranged to suit this early closing. We will try to accommodate all requests, but it may not always be possible. N.B. Please check your child's homework notebook as appointment times for meetings with the class teachers will be put in your child's homework notebook on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

<u>Supervision</u> 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.

**<u>G.A.A.</u>** Training There is no GAA training on Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> due to our Dress Up day.

<u>Soccer</u> Soccer training continues on Wednesdays weather permitting for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class.

<u>Shoe Box Appeal</u> The students are partaking in the shoe box appeal this year. (Leaflets have been given out to each family). Anybody interested in taking part should bring their shoe box back to the school **before Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**, 2023.

<u>Contact Details</u> If there is any change in your contact details, please let the school know so we can update our data base. Click <u>here</u> for the contact details form.

<u>Absence Form</u> 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 <u>here</u> for the online Absence Form.

Yours sincerely,

Cian Duffy

Principal.