

St. Michael's & St. Patrick's N.S.,  
Cootehall,  
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30<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

Dear Parents,

**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.

**School Closures** The school will be closed on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February** for the Bank Holiday and **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February** for the mid-term break. The school will also be closed on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** as it will be used as a polling station for the upcoming Referendum.

**Swimming Lessons** Swimming lessons for pupils in **First and Second Class** will start in Aura Leitrim Leisure, Carrick-on-Shannon on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** and will run every Tuesday for 4 weeks. The total cost per pupil is €36.00 for four weeks (€4.00 for Swimming Lesson and €5.00 for bus hire per week) and the remainder will be paid by school funds.

**Music Generation** Padraig from Music Generation continues teaching our students the ukulele, banjo and guitar in Ms. Brennan/Ms. Conroy's Class, Mr. Conboy's Class and Mr. Duffy's Class for the remainder of the school year. We are asking for a contribution of **€15 per student** for fifteen lessons. This contribution can be paid through the online system Way2Pay [here](#)

**Tennis Lessons** All classes will be starting Tennis Lessons with Tennis Instructor Tim Clarke on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** and will continue every Thursday 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.

**Credit Union Quiz** Well done to all the students who took part in the Credit Union Quiz last weekend. It is a few years since we entered this quiz last and all four teams did very well.

**Child Safeguarding Survey** Thank you to all the parents who completed the Child Safeguarding Survey at the following link <https://forms.gle/V2N5E1JEBmQvWq6Q8>

**First Holy Communion** First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon** in Cootehall Church.

**Confirmation** will be held on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 a.m. in Croghan 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.

Welcome to Ms. Arthur who will be with us as Special Education Teacher for the remainder of the school year.

We would like to wish Ms. Fallon and Ms. Melvin all the best and thank you for your great work.

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please email the teacher, or leave a message on the school phone (071-9667264). We will endeavour to return your email or call as soon as possible.

Teachers can be contacted directly by email at the following email addresses:

Class	Teacher	Email address
Junior Infants & Senior Infants	Ms. Tansey/Ms. Brennan	dbrennanttansey@gmail.com
Senior Infants & 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Ms. Conroy/Ms. Brennan	lconroydbrennan@gmail.com
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class/3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	Mr. Conboy	lccootehall@gmail.com
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class /4 <sup>th</sup> Class	Mr. Duffy	cootehallns@gmail.com
5 <sup>th</sup> Class	Ms. McLoughlin	christinemcloughlin52@gmail.com
6 <sup>th</sup> Class	Ms. Gilhooly	agilhoolyschool@gmail.com
S.E.T.	Ms. Martin	camartin053@gmail.com
S.E.T.	Ms. Arthur	cootehallns@gmail.com
E.A.L.	Ms. Cregg	cootehallns@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

*Cian Duffy*  
Principal.