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Dear Parents,

<u>End of Term</u> The second term is flying by and draws to a close on **Friday March 22**nd. School will close for all students at **12.30p.m**. School buses have been rearranged for this time. There are no after schools' services on this day.

Parent's Association Please find attached latest newsletter from the Parents Association.

School Closures The school will be closed on Monday 18th March for St. Patrick's Day.

<u>World Book Day</u> World Book Day was on **Thursday 7**th **March**. World Book Day Vouchers were given to the children on that day. The variety, colour and creativity of the students' outfits were a joy to behold! (Please find photos attached)

<u>Chess</u> - Congratulations to our chess team who made history by being the first team to represent our school in Chess. They all performed magnificently on the day and were a credit to our school.

<u>Seachtain na Gaeilge</u> Our senior students are busy working on their Irish plays. We look forward to seeing them and hearing the cuplá focal in the school during Seachtain na Gaeilge.

<u>Craft Fair</u> There will be a Craft Fair in the school on Tuesday 19^{th} March from 6p.m. - 8 p.m. (Poster attached)

<u>World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD)</u>, <u>21st March</u> The School and the Playschool are taking part in The Lots Of Socks Fundraiser for World Down Syndrome Day. Children can wear mismatched socks or colourful socks to school on **Thursday 21**st **March** and if you wish give a donation of €2 which can be done in cash or through the way2pay <u>here</u> (pre-set at €2, but can be changed at your discretion)

<u>Swimming Lessons</u> Swimming lessons for pupils in First and Second Class in Aura Leitrim Leisure, Carrick-on-Shannon will continue for the next 3 Tuesdays. 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. This contribution can be paid through the online system Way2Pay here

<u>Tennis Lessons</u> - Tennis Instructor Tim Clarke will continue tennis lessons for all on Thursday for another 3 weeks. The total cost of these lessons is €5.00 per student. This contribution can be paid through the online system Way2Pay <u>here</u> The remainder of the fees will be paid by the school.

<u>Soccer</u>: Congratulations to our boys and girls from 5^{th} and 6^{th} who played magnificently on Tuesday in the FAIS 5 a side soccer competition in Boyle. We had four teams representing the school and our Girls team have qualified for the next round! Good luck!

 $\underline{G.A.A.}$ Training Tadhg O'Connor, Club Development Officer continues G.A.A. training with Junior Infants to 6th Class students on Monday 11^{th} March and also for Ms. Gilhooly Class on Wednesday afternoon, weather permitting.

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

Confirmation will be held on Tuesday 30th April at 11.00 a.m. in Croghan Church.

<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.