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Dear Parents,

Jersey Day: To celebrate the St. Michael's/St. Ronan's Ladies GAA team and their upcoming Junior County Final this weekend we will have a Jersey Day on **Friday 10th October**. It will be great to see everyone wearing Green & Red/ White & Blue colours on Friday.

Swimming Lessons: Swimming lessons for pupils in *Senior Infants, 1st Class, 4th and 5th Class* will start in Aura Leitrim Leisure, Carrick-on-Shannon on **Tuesday 4th November** and will run every Tuesday for **5 weeks. The total cost per pupil remains the same as last year at €55.00 for five weeks (€4.00 for Swimming Lesson and €7.00 for bus hire per week) and the increased costs will be paid by school funds**. A link via Way2Pay will be sent out this week.

Voluntary Contribution 2024/25: **Thank you to everyone who has paid the contribution of €35 so far.** This amount goes towards the cost of art supplies, photocopying and Pupil Personal Accident Insurance. If anyone is having issues with the Way2Pay link – please give the office a call. Alternatively, this amount can be paid in instalments on the Way2Pay system, if it is more convenient for you.

Music Generation: We have Padraic Collins from Music Generation back with us. Padraic will teach in all classes on Tuesdays over the course of this year. We will ask for a contribution towards the cost of these lessons in the second term.

Soccer: Soccer training with Cathal will take place every **Wednesday** for Junior Infants to 3rd Class for this term.

Camogie/ Hurling: Tom Killion from Roscommon Camogie is with us for Camogie and Hurling training on **Tuesdays** this year – we are aiming for all classes to have the opportunity to train with Tom.

GAA: Kelvin Morris is our GAA coach this year. Students from 3rd to 6th Class with have coaching with Kelvin on **Fridays**.

School Photos: The school photographer will be coming to our school next **Wednesday 15th October.**

Dress Up Day: We will have our dress up day for Halloween on **Thursday 23rd October.**

Presidential Election – School Closed: Our school will be used as a polling station for the forthcoming Presidential Elections on Friday the **24th of October** and therefore the school will be closed for the day.

Midterm Break: School will be closed from Thursday 27th of October at 3.10pm and reopen Monday the 3rd of November at 9.30am, to facilitate the Presidential Election and the Midterm Break.

In-Service Training Day - School Closed: The school will be closed on Friday the **14th of November** to facilitate an In-Service Training Day for all staff.

Absence Form: If your child is absent from school for any reason all parents/guardians must complete an Absence Form. Click here for the online Absence Form.

Contacting the School and Contact Details: Communication between home and school is done by e mail, text, Aladdin and through our school website. If there is any recent change in your contact details, please let the school know so we can update our data base.

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

Thank you for all your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Cian Duffy
Principal.