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1st December 2025

Dear Parents,

School closing early: The school will close at the earlier time of **2.10pm next Monday the 8th December** 2025 for a staff meeting following our recent Curriculum Inspection in Maths. Buses have been rearranged for this early closure.

Scór na nÓg: Well done to the students who represented St. Michael's and Roscommon in the Connacht Scór na nÓg in Loughrea on Saturday.

Christmas Jumpers: The students are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumpers on Thursday and Friday the 18th & 19th of December.

Christmas Mass Fr. Brendan will be celebrating the School Christmas Mass on **Friday 19th December at 10:00 a.m.** in Cootehall Church. All are welcome.

Closing for the Christmas Break: The school will close for the Christmas Break on Friday the 19th of December at 12.30pm. The school will reopen on Monday the 5th of January at 9.10am.

Swimming Lessons: This week is our final week of Swimming Lessons for Senior, 1st, 4th and 5th Class. Well done to all the children have all made great progress with their swimming. Thank you to everyone who have already paid for the swimming lessons. Any outstanding payments can be paid via Way2Pay.

School Meals: The Board of Management have finished reviewing the Tender submissions to the School Meals Programme for our school. The BOM will have further details in the next few weeks as to when this programme will start in our school.

Little Bo Peep's Christmas Mix-Up: The children in Junior, Senior and 1st Class will go to The Dock this Thursday the 4th of December for a showing of Little Bo Peep's Christmas Mix-Up. Permission slips and a link to Way2Pay has been sent out.

Enrolment for 2026-27: Applications for admission for the school year 2026-27 is now open. Please contact the office for a copy of the enrolment form.

Safe routes to School: Thank you for your patience during the road works that are ongoing at the front of the school. These works are due to take 6 weeks before all work is completed. When this work is completed, we will have a parking and set down area that is safer for all in our school. Thank you to St. Michael's who have given permission to allow cars to wait and turn in front of their facilities. We apologise for any inconvenience caused during this time.

Camogie/ Hurling: Tom Killion from Roscommon Camogie will continue with Camogie and Hurling training on **Tuesdays** for this term.

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

Music Generation: Padraic Collins from Music Generation 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.

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.