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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the midterm break, we hope everyone had a lovely Halloween.

Parent Teacher Meetings: The Parent Teacher Meetings will be held on Wednesday the 19th & Thursday the 20th of November. Appointments will be given out by Thursday the 13th of November. **Students will be dismissed at 2.50 p.m. on Thursday November 20th.**

Swimming Lessons: Swimming lessons for pupils in *Senior Infants, 1st Class, 4th and 5th Class* will start **tomorrow Tuesday 4th November** and will run every Tuesday for **5 weeks** in Aura Leitrim Leisure, Carrick-on-Shannon. **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**. This can be paid via Way2Pay, through the link that was sent out.

Camogie/ Hurling: Tom Killion from Roscommon Camogie will be with us for Camogie and Hurling training on **Tuesdays** – we aim for all classes to get an opportunity to train with Tom.

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.

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.

School Inspection and Focus Group: The Department of Education is carrying out a Curriculum Evaluation at the school on Thursday the 6th of November. During this time the inspectorate will invite a number of students from 3rd to 6th class to form a focus group to talk about their learning. All students from these classes have been sent out a consent form. If you have any further questions on this, please contact us at school.

First Holy Communion First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 9th May at 12noon in Cootehall Church.**

Confirmation will be held on **Wednesday 15th April at 11.00 a.m. in Croghan Church.**

Parents Association Fundraiser: Thank you to all the students for all their hard work and creativity for the Design a Christmas Card this year. All the artwork was sent off before the midterm and we are looking forward to getting the templates back. Thank you also to the Parents Association for all their work behind the scenes in organising this fundraiser.

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 buses 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.

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.

Voluntary Contribution 2025/26: **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.

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.