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15th January 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In-Service Training Day: Reminder that the school will be **closed on Wednesday the 21st of January** 2026 in order for all school teaching staff to attend the Primary Curriculum Framework In-Service Training Day.

School Meals: We are delighted that from Monday the 19th of January all students will be able to avail of the Hot School Meal/Lunch programme within our school. Please ensure that you have downloaded the app "Bellz – School Lunch Programme", set yourself and your children up and place your food order by this **Friday the 16th of January at 12noon.** No food orders for next week 19th – 23rd of January will be able to be placed after this time.

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. 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.

Soccer: Soccer training with Cathal will continue every **Wednesday** for 4th, 5th and 6th 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 coming weeks.

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.**

Stay Safe Programme: As part of the SPHE curriculum the Stay Safe Programme will be taught to all classes this term. If you have any queries on this matter, please contact your class teacher.

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.