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Dear Parents,

Hurling and Camogie: Well done to our Hurling and Camogie Teams who recently competed in their Cumann na mBunscol group matches. Both teams played really well. Unfortunately, the Camogie Team were not successful this time. However, the Hurling Team are through to the next round and will play this Friday the 8th of May in Creggs, Co Roscommon. We wish them the very best of luck!

GAA: Well done to our Girls and Boys Football Teams who took part in the Cumann na mBunscol football matches last **Friday the 1st of May** at St. Michael's GAA pitch. Thank you to St. Michael's for use of their wonderful facilities for our games. Congratulations to the girl's team who are through to the next round. We wish them the very best of luck.

Standardised Testing : Drumcondra Standardised Testing will be completed in the school next week. If your child is absent for any part of the test, we will arrange for them to do this at a later date.

First Confession: Congratulations to our Communion Class who made their First Confession on Friday the 1st of May 2026.

Communion: The First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday the 9th of May** at 12noon. The children have been busy practicing over the last few weeks. Thank you to Fr. Brendan for all his help and support.

Communion Party: Last year, the Parents Association hosted a lovely celebration in the school on the day of the communion, where parents of the First Class children served tea and refreshments for families to enjoy together for an hour after Mass (funded by the PA). The communion celebration will take place in the school on Saturday 9th May from approx 12.45 to 2pm.
We would love to build on this and establish it as a new school tradition, with First Class parents hosting the gathering each year. In turn, this would be passed on, as those same families are supported the following year when their own children celebrate their communion.

Please let the PA know if you can help on the day. You can email cootehallpa@gmail.com or let any of the committee members know.

School Tours our annual school tour takes place **Friday 22nd of May 2026**. Thank you to everyone who has filled in the Permission Form and sent payment through Way2Pay. We are looking to finalise numbers for the buses so we would appreciate if anyone else is interested in attending on the day to fill out the Permission Form (attached here) as soon as possible. All details relating to the tour can be found within the Permission Form. If you are having any issues with the Way2Pay link please contact the school office.

Graveyard Trip – Local History: As part of their local history studies the children from 5th & 6th Class will make the annual trip to Ardcarne Graveyard for a tour and talk with local historians on Thursday the 4th of June.

Music Generation: Padraig from Music Generation continues to teach music in all classes on a Tuesday until the end of the school year. Thank you to everyone who has sent the contribution of €15 via Way2Pay towards the costs of these music lessons.

Say Yes to Languages: The children in 5th and 6th class have been enjoying the Say Yes to Languages programme in the school for the last number of weeks. Vanessa has been teaching Spanish to our 5th and 6th class.

GAA: David Wynne our GAA coach will continue coaching until the end of the school year on Wednesdays. David is organising a blitz for some of our students on Monday the 18th of May 2026.

Soccer: Cathal Gaffney our Soccer coach will continue coaching our 4th, 5th and 6th class students on Wednesdays until the end of the school year.

Absence Form: 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 here for the online Absence Form.

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please email the teacher, 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 your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Cian Duffy

Principal.