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Dear Parents,

School Closure: We have been notified of an electricity outage due to a system improvement on our line which will take place next **Monday 18th of May** from 9am to 4.30pm. **As we will have no electricity in the school, the school will be closed.** We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Communion: Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday the 9th of May. Thank you to Fr Brendan, Mr Conboy and Joan for all their help and guidance in preparation for their big day. Thank you also to Ms Martin and all the children in the choir for their beautiful singing and music on the day.

Communion Party: Thank you to the parents of this year's First Class children and also the Parents Association for hosting a lovely celebration in the school on the day of the communion. It would be lovely to build on this and establish it as a new school tradition, with First Class parents hosting the gathering each year.

Standardised Testing : Drumcondra Standardised Testing are taking place this week. If your child is absent for any part of the test, we will arrange for them to do this at a later date.

School Tour: Our annual school tour takes place **Friday 22nd of May 2026**. Thank you to everyone who has filled in the School 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 School Permission Form (attached here). Westport Adventure are also requesting that a Waiver Form must be filled up before your child(ren) can participate – please ensure you have this filled in for each child as soon as possible. Waiver Form for Westport Adventure . If you are having any issues with the Way2Pay link please contact the school office.

Bike Week: In celebration of Bike Week, we are inviting the children from 5th class to bring in their bikes on Friday 15th of May. The children will be given the chance to practice safe cycling skills around our school yard on Friday. In later weeks we will practice our cycling on the roads.

Hurling: Hard luck to our Hurling Team who played last Friday the 8th of May in Creggs, Co Roscommon.

GAA: Best of Luck to our Girls GAA Team who will represent the school this Friday 15th May in Kilbride in the next round of the Cumann na mBunscol.

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.

RSE: The students in 6th Class will be covering the RSE programme with Flora Duignan as part of their Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE) on Friday the 5th of June.

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.

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.