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Dear parents,

Thank you to all the parents who have paid curriculum resources through Aladdin so far. **Examples** of where this money is spent is;

- Maths, Science, P.E equipment
- Books to support reading and learning
- I.T programs such as our Scholastic Reading Program and ICT infrastructure
- Arts and Crafts Materials

For parents wishing to pay the link is still open through Aladdin. Thank you

The school received notification from the E.S.B that we will have no electricity next **Thursday 30th September, we will have to close the school.** Teachers will provide work and a Zoom call; Junior Infants to 1st class 9.30am – 10am. 2nd class – 6th class from 9.30am – 10.30am and children can upload work to Seesaw. Work will also be corrected in school on Friday. The school was due to close for a half day in November for Department training on the Primary Language Curriculum but to minimise disruption we will now have this training next Thursday also so children will not be missing out further. Please contact the school if you need to loan out a device on Thursday.

After the Halloween break, **from Monday 1st of November, 1st Class and 2nd Class** will go back to finishing at **2.35pm**. This will mean all classes will operate at normal finishing going forward. It is vital parents collecting children move on quickly to alleviate congestion.

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As you may have seen in recent news reports contact tracing in schools has ceased from today. However please be aware of the following;

- Anyone who has symptoms of Covid-19 should self-isolate at home immediately and contact their GP for advice and guidance, and to arrange a Covid-19 test if appropriate
- Children > 3 months to under 13 years of age who are identified as household contacts who are not fully vaccinated, or have **not** had a confirmed infection with Covid-19 in the last 9 months, will still be required to **restrict their movements** and will have testing arranged for them by the HSE contact management programme (CMP).
- Public Health advice remains the same that any child > 3 months to under 13 years of age with **symptoms** consistent with Covid-19 should immediately **self-isolate**, should not attend childcare or school or socialise and follow current public health advice. Please see [here](#) for further information.
- *The definition of a household contact, will now include a child aged under 13 years, who was present over-night, in the house or in close contact in a residential setting, of a case whilst they were infectious i.e., any child who was attending a 'sleepover' when someone in the household was infectious with Covid-19, will also be designated a close-contact and required to restrict their movements and be tested*

Our past 6th Class had a lovely ceremony in Allenwood church on Saturday 25th of September to celebrate their Confirmation. Best wishes to all for the future.

First Confession for the current 3rd Class children will take place this evening, **Monday 27th of September in Allenwood Church** from 6pm to 7.30 for children from Robertstown School.

The school will be taking part in the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal this year. We are asking families to put together a shoebox of gifts that will be given to a child affected by poverty across Africa and Eastern Europe. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach the children about the importance of giving to those less fortunate so we hope that as many people as possible will get involved. If you would like to put together a shoebox, simply ask your child to take a leaflet from their teacher and follow the instructions. All shoeboxes must be returned to the school by

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Thursday 4th November at the latest. For more information, see <https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/>.

HSE School Vision Consent Forms are being sent home today for students from Junior Infants and Senior Infants. Thank you to those who have completed and returned, can any outstanding forms be returned as soon as possible. The screening nurse will then be in contact with us to arrange a date.

3rd and 4th class started their ukulele lessons last Wednesday and will continue them this week. Reminder we are asking €2 per week to cover the cost of the lesson and ukulele. This will total €60 over the course of the year (€30 for lessons, €30 for ukulele). Unfortunately those who do not pay for the ukulele will not be keeping them at the end of the year.

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