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Dear Parents,

School will be closed for a **half day on March 16th** for all pupils to facilitate staff training on the new Primary Language Curriculum. Junior Infants & Senior Infants and siblings finish at 11.50 First Class to Sixth Class finish at 12.00 We will then reopen on Monday March 21st.

We have organised a clothes collection for **Tuesday 8th of March at 10am** as a school fundraiser. Duvet covers, shoes, bags and belts will also be collected tomorrow, thank you for your support.

The Parent Association Committee has organised an information session especially for RNS Parents & Guardians on the important topic of 'Transition from Primary to Post Primary' next **Tuesday March 8th at 7.30pm**. This talk is open to all interested parents, and will be of most interest to parents of 5th & 6th class children. Parents should register their interest, through the link below, and give National Parents Council permission to forward them the zoom link to the meeting. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Robertstown-NS-TPPP-Registration-22 Registration will be available until 3:30pm on 8th March, the zoom invitation link will go out shortly after that.

 3^{rd} and 4^{th} classes commenced their swimming lessons on Tuesday 1^{st} of March for five weeks on the 8^{th} , 15^{th} , 22^{nd} and 29^{th} of March.

5th and 6th classes will commence their swimming lessons on Monday 25th of April, our first day back after the Easter holidays. Lessons are for five weeks on the 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th of May. Aquatics is part of the PE curriculum so attendance is advised unless a legitimate reason is given.

 1^{st} and 2^{nd} classes will commence their swimming lessons on Wednesday 27^{th} of April for five sessions on the 4^{th} , 11^{th} , 18^{th} and 25^{th} of May. A link was set up last week on Aladdin.

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It is time for the March Maths Challenge. 3rd to 6th have a word problem and Junior Infants to 2nd class have another guess challenge. The closing date for this Maths Challenge is March 25th. The winners shall get a homework pass. Best of luck!

The Student Council organised a successful collection with Denim for Dementia on Friday 4th of March. Thanks for your huge support we received **€252.50** for the Alzheimer Society of Ireland.

March 16th...non uniform day by the student council to raise money for new football nets for our goalposts

HELP NEEDED FOR UKRAINE PLEASE Ms. Poole is organising collection for people from Ukraine. You can drop items to reception. The items needed at the moment: nappies baby wipes baby cleaning products baby food (jars, fruit tubes, etc) small toys, crayons, colouring books toothbrushes (all sizes) soap bars pads for women pants and socks (all sizes) single use duvet covers, pillow covers, bedsheets blankets (all sizes). Any help at all is highly appreciated! A transporter truck will deliver the goods to Poland, 10kms from the Ukraine border, it will be split into medical and food. Thursday 10th March is the last day for the collection.

For the upcoming Seachtain Na Gaeilge next week, we will be organising various activities and games for the whole school. On Thursday we will hold a Tráth Na gCeist from 3rd to 6th classes. An Irish Dance Instructor will come to our school on Friday 11th of March to carry our Irish Dancing with all the children. We will hold Lá Glas on Tuesday 15th of March, where the children can wear green.

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The children in Fifth Class are participating in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme at the moment. They are setting up a mini-business making Terrariums (mini-garden in a jar) which will be on sale soon. We are looking for donations or sponsorship of tiny plants/cacti, decorative large jars or glass vases, Easter themed or other tiny toysbunnies etc, moss peat or shells etc. In relation to the jars the larger the better, old yankee candle style jars, sweet jars etc, with or without lids would be perfect.

Parking has been and will continue to be an issue outside the school. In the interests of health and safety please 'drop and go' as quick as <u>safely</u> possible to make space for other vehicles to do likewise, and be extra mindful of other cars and pedestrians.

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