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23rd October 2023

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a lovely weekend.

Homework Club will not be on today after school due to a staff meeting. It will be on tomorrow and the rest of the week as normal.

Our school will close for the mid-term break this Friday 27th October **at normal finishing times** and will reopen on Monday 6th November.

Our Witch Walk will take place on Friday 27th October. We will meet at the hotel in Robertstown at 08:40am and walk to the school together. We are asking for a donation of €2 which will go towards maths resources. The Parents Association will arrange games in the hall for the children.

Hard luck to our Under 11 boys who lost the County football final against Cappagh last week. They played amazingly throughout the tournament, well done.

Ukulele lessons have commenced for 3rd and 4th class. There was great excitement in the classes. Costs are €28 euro for 28 weeks (€1 per week) and €58 if you would like to buy the ukulele (€30 cost for ukulele). Thank you to all the people that have already paid.

Swimming lessons will commence in K-Leisure for 6th class on the **6th, 13th, 20th, 27th** of **November** and **4th** of **December**. Cost is €50.00 for the term. The price has increased due to a high increase in instructor fees, pool hire and bus fees. A link has been set up on Aladdin for payment. Thank you to everyone that has already paid. Swimming will commence for 4th and 5th class in January and for 1st, 2nd and 3rd class in February. Dates to follow.

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The children have been busy decorating and designing their Christmas cards over the last few weeks and the sample cards were sent home last week. These cards can be ordered online by logging in as per instructions on the sample card or by scanning the QR Code. Your child's card and details will pop up and you can order directly and pay online. If you would prefer to pay cash, this can be handed into the office. Closing date for orders is **10th November 2023**.

The school is taking part in the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Leaflets were sent home last week which included instructions on how to make your shoebox. Closing date for all the shoeboxes to be in school is the **10th of November 2023**. Students can drop their shoeboxes into Ms. Byron's Classroom.

There will be a clothes collection on **Monday 13th of November**. Cash for Clobber is aimed at raising awareness of clothes reuse among children (and adults). The scheme highlights the benefits of sending clothes that can be reworn to the 'developing world' – generating a cleaner, brighter future for everyone. Currently, 75% of the world's population depend on second-hand clothing.

County Photos will be in our school on **Tuesday 14th November** to take school photos. Please see attached.

Scholastic will run a book fair in the school on the **16th of November** until the **23rd November 2023**. More information to follow shortly.

Pupil Insurance

The timeline for payments of our 24hr pupil insurance will expire on the 31st October 2023. The cost is €10 per child and we highly recommend that all families avail of this. Thank you for your co-operation.

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Voluntary Contribution payment links are set up on Aladdin, your support is greatly appreciated in this regard. This contribution supports the school in art supplies, curriculum resources, events and speakers in school and upkeep of the ICT infrastructure etc. As per previous year's it will be €50 for the first child, €40 for second and subsequent children.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Denis on Thursday 14th March 2024 at 11am in Allenwood Church and The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday the 18th May at 11am in Allen Church.

Irish Girl Guides have spaces available for girls in Guides for 10-14 year olds. Guides meet in the hall of Scoil an Linh Iosa, in Prosperous every Wednesday during term time from 7.30pm to 9pm. What do we do: we learn life skills, play lots of sports and games, do art and crafts, adventures, days out and weekends away, badgework, develop confidence and make friends for life! Girls are welcome to come along any Wednesday to try it and see if they enjoy it. If you would like any further information, please contact Nicola on 0863189824.

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