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Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a lovely mid-term break.

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 Witches Walk will take place on Friday 27th October. We made €215.00 which will go towards maths resources. A huge thank you to everyone for the donations. Thank you to the Parents Association who arranged the games in the hall and the delicious chocolate apples that each child received.

A reminder that the Parent Nominee for the Board of Management is to be returned to the school office no later than Wednesday the 8th November for any parent wishing to be considered.

Parent teacher meetings take place on the 21st and 22nd of November. Parents can choose time slots over the coming days starting with families with most siblings in the school. You will be notified when these slots are open.

On the 1st and 2nd of November we celebrated All-Saints and All-Souls Day. During the month of November, we think especially of our friends and relatives who have died. In our school we will make a Remembrance Wall. Children will decorate hearts and write upon it the name of a loved one or a photo of a relative who has died. Parents are invited to assist their child if they wish and we will hang our hearts on our Catholic school's board and pray for all the people named during this month.

Catholic Schools Committee

The closing date for Christmas Card orders is this Friday **10th November** 2023. 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

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and you can order directly and pay online. If you would prefer to pay cash, this can be handed into the office.

RNS Bric-a-Brac Collection

On Tuesday and Wednesday 28th and 29th of November 2023 RNS will hold their annual Bric-A-Brac sale in aid of Sightsavers. In January 2024, our Fifth-Class teacher Ms. Kirstin Conroy is taking part in Sightsavers First Light for Sight Sunrise Challenge and is travelling to the Arctic Circle with 20 Irish volunteers to fundraise for Sightsavers. In the Arctic she will be learning Arctic survival skills and will partake in a 36-hour trek and camp in minus 20 to minus 25 degrees to reach to a remote cabin, and survive with no running water, no electricity and only the food they have carried. This challenge will test her limits but she hopes the gruelling nature of the challenge will allow her to reach her fundraising aim and **money raised from the Bric-a-Brac collection will go towards providing at least 156 sight restoring operations.** In order to contribute to this wonderful cause Ms. Conroy is gathering bric-a-brac items such as toys, unwanted small items, pictures, jewellery, teddies, ornaments, books etc which can be sent in and left at the office.

Alternatively, any parent who would like to donate to Ms. Conroy's fundraiser may access her page at: <https://sightsaversie.enthuse.com/pf/kirstin-conroy>
Thanking you in advance.

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). Please leave all bags in the school hall for collection.

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

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