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Dear Parents & Guardians,

We hope you are all keeping well and looking forward to the upcoming festive season. Please find below news about upcoming events along with some projects the school is currently engaged in.

Children's Vaccination Programme

The HSE school vaccination team will visit the school on Wednesday 11th of December 2024 to vaccinate children in Junior Infants. Consent forms have been sent home. Please return forms by Thursday the 5th of December.

New School Enrolments

The deadline for applications for the Junior Infant class and ASD class for September 2025 has passed. Applications can still be submitted but will only be processed after applications received within the enrolment period. Enrolment offers were issued last Friday 29th November.

Swimming

Tomorrow is the last swimming lesson for 2nd, 3rd and 4th class. We hope all the children enjoyed their lessons. Lessons for 5th and 6th classes will commence on Monday the 27th of January for five weeks (27th of January, 10th, 24th of February, 3rd and 10th of March. Aquatics is part of the PE curriculum so attendance is advised unless a legitimate reason is given. The cost for the term is €50.00, a link has been set up on Aladdin for payment. Thank you to everyone that has already paid.

Christmas Cards

We have received the children's beautiful Christmas cards. These will be sent home with your child this week.

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6th Class Retreat

As part of Sixth Class Confirmation preparation, the children will be attending a Confirmation retreat day this **Thursday 5th December 2024** in Mount St. Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre, Killenard, Portarlinton, Co. Laois. The cost of the retreat is €30 which also includes the price of the bus and refreshments on the day. The bus will leave the school at 9am sharp on the morning of the retreat and will return by the end of the school day. **All children must bring a packed lunch.** A link has been set up on Aladdin for payments and all payments should be paid in full by **tomorrow 3rd of December.** Thank you to everyone that has already paid.

The Robertstown Lighting of the Christmas Tree

The Robertstown lighting of the Christmas tree will be held on Saturday 14th of December at 6.00pm and the school choir will be singing Christmas songs. Can the choir please meet at the Christmas tree at 5.50pm? We look forward to celebrating the festive season with you there!

Quiz Team

Best of luck to the boys and girls chosen to represent our school at the annual Christmas quiz which takes place in Scoil an Linbh Íosa, Prosperous tomorrow Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm. All funds raised on the night will be donated to Saint Vincent de Paul.

Bric-a-Brac Collection

A huge thank you to everyone that has donated items for the Bric-a-Brac that will be held on **Tuesday 10th** and **Wednesday 11th December 2024.** We are still looking for more items so any support would be appreciated. The funds will be divided equally between the school and 'Blood Bike Leinster' which provide support to our school community, transporting blood products between hospitals to patients in urgent need (bloodbikeleinster.ie). Items such as toys, unwanted small items, pictures, jewellery, teddies, ornaments, books etc can be sent into the school for the attention of Ms. Conroy or left at the office. Parents will also have the opportunity to come into the school to purchase items. Thank you for your support with this.

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STEAM Academy

STEAM Academy visited our school for a robotics workshop during Science Week. They are hoping to run an After-School programme for children in the school starting in January for anyone interested. More information will be sent out on Aladdin today.

Aladdin

Just a reminder to switch notifications on your Aladdin app to ensure you receive communications from the school in a timely manner. Many thanks!

Pathfinder Project

The school is currently engaged in the Pathfinder Programmet. This project will involve insulating the school and ensuring a warmer learning environment for our children and staff. Works will be undertaken next summer pending Department approval.

Schools Photovoltaic Programme

Our school has been approved by the Department of Education to participate in the Schools Photovoltaic Programme (SPP). This project will involve the installation of solar panels to help reduce our energy consumption. A monitor will be displayed in the corridors for children to see the energy generated by the panels. It is hoped that work will be completed before/during the summer holidays.

Sensory Garden

Plans are afoot for the creation of a school sensory garden to one side of the existing yard. This project is being supported by Kildare County County Council (KCC) and The Robertstown Community Amenities Association. It is hoped that work on the garden will begin in earnest early in the new year.

Uniform

The process of reviewing the school uniform began in recent years. As a school community, we are committed to recommencing and completing this review. More information will follow regarding this in January. Many thanks in advance for your input and support with this.

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