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Robertstown National School

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all enjoyed a peaceful and restful Christmas. A huge welcome to all our students on their return back to school. We were delighted to see them returning yesterday.

School Closure Wednesday 15th January

We had received a letter from the ESB stating that there will be a disruption to the school's electricity from 9am-5pm on **Wednesday 15th January**. The Board of Management has made the decision that the school will remain closed on this day for Health & Safety reasons. We have spoken to the ESB who informed us that the work may be postponed at short notice. The school will be closed unless you receive notice otherwise. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Swimming

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.

Parents Association Christmas Raffle

A huge thank you to our Parents Association and everyone that supported the Christmas Raffle that took place in December. The raffle raised €5,040 for the school. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and will be put to good use in the coming months.

Nore Valley Incubator Project

Our school will be participating in the Nore Valley Incubator project commencing next week for 4 weeks. An incubator will be set up in the school with 7 fertile eggs. The children will learn about the life cycle of a chicken and the hatching process. The eggs will hatch in the school before being collected by the Nore Valley Group.

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Ukulele

Ukulele lessons will be starting back next week **Tuesday 14th January** for 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes.

GAA Sessions

GAA Sessions were due commence for 2nd, 3rd and 4th class this week during the school day. However, with the icy conditions, they have been postponed until next **Friday 17th January** and will run for 6 weeks. Children in these classes are asked to wear their tracksuit on training days.

GOAL visit to school

On **Monday 20th January** and **Wednesday 22nd January**, GOAL will be visiting our school to present Global Citizenship lessons to the classes.

Communion Mass & Confirmation Ceremony of Light

There is a mass on **Saturday 18th January** at 6.30pm in Allenwood Church for those children who are making their First Holy Communion.

The Ceremony of Light will take place on **Saturday 25th January** at 6.30pm in Allenwood Church for children in 6th class who are making their Confirmation.

STEAM Academy

STEAM Academy after-school sessions will commence next week on **Monday 13th January**. The class will run from 2.35pm-4.05pm. You may wish to pack an extra snack for children. If you wish to sign up, you can do so via the link sent previously on Aladdin or contact the school. The Infant classes will commence on 27th January.

Schools Photovoltaic Programme

The Department has approved the installation of 6kW solar panels in the school. This work will be completed by Sun Arc Solar Systems and is scheduled to begin on **21st January**. Once completed, there will be a monitor on display in the corridor where children can view our school's energy usage and see the energy the solar panels are generating.

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