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Dear Parents & Guardians,

We hope that you had a relaxing mid term break. It was so lovely to see the children coming back in today refreshed after the week off and hearing their news. Please find below some important dates for the second half of this term.

Best of Luck, Ms. Dunne!

Our deputy principal, Ms. Dunne, has finished up with us to begin her maternity leave. We wish her all the best over the coming weeks and months and look forward to welcoming her back in the future. Ms. Conroy will be our new Acting Deputy principal. We wish her every success in the role.

GAA Senior Boys Football Training

Senior Boys Football training will continue as usual tomorrow **Tuesday 25th February** after school. Many thanks to Ms. Barrett & Mr. Begley for their help with this.

FAI Primary 5s Blitz

Training for 6th class boys for the school's 5 a-side team will continue on **Thursday 27th February** from 2.35-3.30pm as usual. A panel of 8 players will then be selected to compete in the FAI Primary 5s competition taking place in Newbridge Town's grounds on Tuesday next week during the school day. We wish them every success with this.

5th & 6th Class Rugby Sessions

Rugby training will commence this week on **Wednesday 26th February** for children in 5th and 6th class. Children are asked to wear their school tracksuits for this.



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Swimming

Swimming sessions continue for children in 5th and 6th class today **Monday 24th February**. Please remember that aquatics is a mandatory part of the Physical Education curriculum. All children should be encouraged to participate unless there is a genuine medical reason.

Bí Cineálta Inservice

Gentle reminder that the school will close for a half-day at 12pm on **Wednesday 2nd April** to facilitate Bí Cineálta training for staff. Bí Cineálta is a new set of procedures to help prevent and address bullying behaviour in our school.

Confirmation

Reminder that the children in 6th class will be making their Confirmation on **Friday 14th March** at 11am in Allenwood Church.

Nore Valley Incubator Project

Before the mid term we said goodbye to our four chicks that hatched as part of the project. This was a really enjoyable programme and the children engaged really well with it. The chicks have been returned to the farm where they will continue to grow before becoming egg laying hens themselves.

STEAM Academy

STEAM Academy after-school classes will continue this week. The class runs from 2.35-4.05pm. You may wish to include an extra snack for your child if they are attending. Children will be ready for collection at the front of the school at 4.05pm. STEAM Academy classes for Infants will also be running from 1.35-2.35pm.

Uniform Review

As part of the school's on-going uniform review, a survey was distributed to parents in January to establish a preference for the school uniform. The results

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of the survey were as follows:

29.1% in Favour of No Change

70.1% in Favour of Tracksuit only

The Board of Management are actively exploring options for the school tracksuit, both existing and new. These options will be brought to parents in due course as part of the consultation process. In the meantime, children are asked to wear their uniform and tracksuit on their designated days as normal. Many thanks for your support with this.