



# Scoil Mhuire, Clontibret

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## Mid Term Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Mid Term Closing**

School closes on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct for the Mid Term Break, and reopens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

### **First Holy Communion**

The sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated for the pupils in Scoil Mhuire on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May @ 11a.m. in St. Mary's Church Clontibret.**

### **Dressing Up Day**

Just a reminder that we are inviting the pupils to dress up as any character they wish or as they would for Hallowe'en on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**. Just a little bit of fun to end the first half of the school term!

### **Gymnastics**

Gymnastics for all pupils will begin on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November. This six week programme is being delivered by Lisa Boyle of LA Gymnastics, Monaghan. All equipment is being supplied, including large mats, landing mats, trampette, soft vault, sloped slice, cartwheel blocks and an airtrack on the final day.

Each lesson costs €3 per pupil per week.

Parents have the option of paying the €18 in one payment or paying €3 to their class teacher on a weekly basis. Further details will be sent out after the Mid Term Break.

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

In regards to this year's Parent Teacher Meetings, we are offering you the parents / guardians the option of choosing whether you would prefer a "face-to-face" meeting with your child's teacher or your child's teacher to phone you at a designated time.

In the past, it has always been "face-to-face" meetings but from feedback we received over the last two years during the Covid restrictions, some parents expressed that the arranged phone call was much more convenient for them and so we are giving you the choice.

- If you choose the "face-to-face" meeting, it will take place on either Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November or on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November.
- If you choose the phone call, a suitable date and time will be arranged between yourself and the class teacher.

The Parent Teacher Meeting Form is being sent home to every family today, Wednesday and we ask you to choose your preferred option and to return it to school tomorrow, **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

### **Aladdin Connect**

**It is essential that you register with Aladdin Connect and download the App before the end of the week, as we will be using this App to schedule the appointments for all the Parent Teacher meetings.**

### **Accelerated Reader**

The Accelerated Reader Programme, which was detailed in the October Newsletter, will commence on the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. We are excited about this programme and we truly hope that pupils will fully enjoy it and will become even more enthusiastic readers.

### **Shoe Box Appeal**

The school is participating in the Team Hope "Christmas Shoe Box Appeal". A leaflet is being sent home to every family tomorrow giving details about this appeal and with a list of items, which can be included in the shoebox.

If you wish to participate in the appeal, please send in your shoebox on or before **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** as the area co-ordinator will collect the boxes on that date. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of this worthy appeal.

### **Boys Football League**

Congratulations to our boys football team who reached the Cumann na mBunscol final last week. The boys played in tough weather conditions against a formidable Corduff team. Although we were defeated on the day, the boys showed great skill, determination and teamwork. We are so very proud of you all. Well done boys!

### **Peace Proms**

We are delighted to announce that pupils of Fifth and Sixth Class are participating in Peace Proms 2023, in Simmons Court, RDS, Dublin on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023.

Peace Proms is a choral education programme organised by the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland. In this programme, the children will learn a repertoire of songs and will have the opportunity to perform these songs along with an orchestra and over 3,000 other children.

Tickets for the performance will go on pre-sale from Tuesday Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Details will be emailed to the parents of the pupils participating in this event.

### **Lotto**

Many thanks to all those who have volunteered and agreed to collect Lotto on behalf the school. Lotto collectors will be calling to houses over the next couple of weeks. It is hoped that the first Lotto draw will take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. A lotto card will be sent to families who may not be on one of the collection routes. Please support if you can.

I thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

I wish you and your family a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and a relaxing Mid Term break.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Moorehead

Principal