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Dear Parents,

26th October 2022

Well done to all the pupils who have been very busy and have settled in very well since the beginning of term. During this term, pupils have taken part in a **Walk/Run Around Ireland initiative**. Pupils walked around the carpark (x4 times) daily as this equates to 1 KM. Every class walked a certain distance each day. This 8 week initiative was the equivalent to the distance walked to and from various parts of the country including Belfast, Letterkenny, Sligo, Galway, Tralee, Cork, Wexford and finishing in Kiltale this week. This initiative alongside our *Stay Safe Programme* and *daily 10@10* daily physical activity- form part of our response to the promotion and advancement of Wellbeing in Our School Community. Well done to all the pupils and staff. Suggestions will be sought from the pupils as to where we should be walking to next!!

At **Halloween**, we like to celebrate with the children on the day of the holidays. We would like it if they could dress up in their Halloween costumes coming to school on **Friday 28th October**. If they are dressing up please leave the props – chains, hatchets, wands etc., at home and please avoid scary clown outfits as some children are afraid of clowns! It should be fun, but if it presents a difficulty for you or your child, don't worry about it, there is no pressure in this regard. If they are not coming in costume they can wear their tracksuits.

Well done to the Boys' and Girls' GAA teams who took part in the Cumann na mBunscol Football competitions this term.

Under the Education (Welfare) Act, 2000 schools are obliged to submit a number of reports and notifications to Tusla that relate to poor school attendance. Schools are required to submit Student Absence Reports twice each year for students that have been absent from school for a cumulative total of **twenty days or more**. Within this context, we strongly encourage parents to organise holidays outside of term time and where possible to keep general absences to a minimum. It is also important to provide an explanation for all absences on Aladdin that may occur during the year. Further information can be found on:

<https://www.tusla.ie/tess/tess-ews/reporting-absenteeism/>

Reading: Please encourage your child / children to read every night as part of their homework. There will be a big push in the school for the remainder of this term to ensure progression in this area.

Parent / Teacher Meetings will take place in November and dates will be confirmed after the mid-term break. Depending on personal circumstances, it will be our intention to offer a combination of face-face meetings and / or phone calls to accommodate the schedule of all parents.



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Parents' Association (PA): *'The role of the Parents' Association is to work in partnership with the Principal, Board of Management and the whole school community for the betterment of the children in the school and to support and empower parents to be active in the best interests of their children's educational lives' (National Parents Council).*

This year the PA comprises of a small group of parents of children in Second Class. We would love some new members to get involved. Being involved in the PA doesn't require much time commitment as we only meet every month or so, depending on the need. If anyone would like to be involved in any capacity, please email kiltalepta@gmail.com

Last year, funds raised by parents paid for new yard markings and the online Christmas panto. These were of benefit to all the pupils in the school. This year, the school has requested that any funds raised will be used to purchase new board games and STEM resources. The school and the PA are aware of the cost of living crisis and its impact on all families. This is at the forefront of any fundraising endeavours. We look forward to having a close working relationship with parents and the school.

Upcoming fundraising events:

- Christmas Card Sales designed by each child - as we did last year
- Clothes Collection (next Spring)
- Easter Raffle (we would appreciate any donations (big or small) for prizes)

A few reminders below:

- The **school will be closed** from Monday the 31st of October until Friday the 4th of November. The school will reopen on Monday the 7th of November 2022.
- We will be taking part in the **Peace Proms** this year. A workshop takes place on 8/12/22 in the National Sports Arena, Blanchardstown. The concert will take place on Saturday 4/2/23 at 2pm. Transportation details and final meeting times will be confirmed closer to these dates. The box office opens on 1st November for our concert on Saturday 4th February 2023 at 2pm. Please click on this link to buy tickets for you and your family to attend the concert www.peaceproms.com you will need this code, DUBSAT2PM, to identify our school to purchase the tickets.
- As the school has a teaching Principal and part time secretary phones will only be answered in the office between 10am-3pm. We will endeavour to deal with any query as soon as possible.

Despite the time of year, we still cannot allow nuts, or products containing nuts, into the school.

Many thanks to all of our staff members who continue to make a very positive impact for the benefit of all of our pupils in our school. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe midterm break. Oíche Shamhna shona daoibh go léir.

Kiltale N.S.