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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

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The Department of Education (DoE) has directed schools to “Use/Continue to use the School Self-Evaluation (SSE) process to identify and reflect on the impact of COVID-19 on their pupils’/pupils’ educational experiences and outcomes, their wellbeing, their motivation to learn, and their engagement in learning” (c.0056/2022).

Within this context, we have decided to refocus our attention on *spelling* and *reading* for the remainder of the school year. Every class from 1st to 6th will be working on the Stareway to Spelling Programme. This programme can help transform pupils into confident readers, writers and spellers, by focusing on the 300 most used words (MUW) in the English language. It helps pupils become so familiar with these words that they can over time read, write and spell them more quickly, more confidently and more accurately.

Senior classes from 3rd to 6th will continue to work with the Accelerated Reader Programme (ARP). Supplementary readers have been bought for each of the junior classes also. This represents a significant investment in the literacy resources for every pupil to access in our school. We are asking parents to work with us on this so that every pupil can improve their overall literacy skills and to ultimately become more confident readers. Please sign your child’s reading log sheet and MUW spelling booklet daily, to ensure that every child sign is benefitting fully from this initiative.

Catholic Schools’ Week

Catholic Schools’ Week will take place from January 22nd - 29th this year. The theme for 2023 is “Walking Together in Faith and Love.”

Grandparents’ Day

Grandparents’ Day will be celebrated on Wednesday 25th January. Fr. Janusz will celebrate mass at 10am in Kiltale church for all pupils. Parents and Grandparents are most welcome to attend. You are also very welcome to drop into the school after mass to see the work on display in the hall and in the classrooms around the school.

Please see a timetable of events that are scheduled in the coming weeks attached.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Happy New Year to you and all your families. Wishing you all the very best for the year ahead.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Colin McElroy

Calendar of events for Term 2 2022/23

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat/Sun
9/1	10/1	11/1	12/1	13/1	Weekend
16/1	17/1	18/1	19/1	20/1	
				GAA Coaching	
23/1	24/1	25/1	26/1	27/1	Catholic Schools Week
		Grandparents Day 10am mass		GAA Coaching Assembly	
30/1	31/1	1/2	2/2	3/2	4/2
6.30pm Credit Union Quiz in Skryne NS for 5 th & 6 th Class				GAA Coaching	9.45am to 6pm 3 rd to 6 th Class Peace Proms Concert in the RDS Dublin 4
6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2	10/2	Weekend
Bank Holiday No School				GAA Coaching	
13/2	14/2	15/2	16/2	17/2	
			No School	No School	
20/2	21/2	22/2	23/2	24/2	
Closing date for Enrolments 2023/24		Ash Wednesday 10am mass		GAA Coaching Assembly	
27/2	28/2	1/3	2/3	3/3	
			World Book Day	GAA Coaching	
6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3	
	Book Fair			Dress Up as a Character from a Book	
			1 st to 6 th Class Swimming	GAA Coaching	
13/3	14/3	15/3	16/3	17/3	
Book Fair			1 st to 6 th Class Swimming	No School	
20/3	21/3	22/3	23/3	24/3	
			1 st to 6 th Class Swimming	GAA Coaching	
27/3	28/3	29/3	30/3	31/3	
			Mass for 5 th & 6 th Class 1 st to 6 th Class Swimming	GAA Coaching Assembly	
3/4	4/4	5/4	6/4	7/4	
Easter Holidays - No School					
10/4	11/4	12/4	13/4	14/4	
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