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Dear Parents,

At **Halloween** we like to celebrate with the children on the day of the holidays. We would like them to dress up in their Halloween costumes coming to school on Friday **27th October**. Due to health and safety concerns, 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, there is no pressure. If they are not coming in costume, they can wear their tracksuits instead.



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

A reminder that school is closed from **Monday 30th October** and will reopen on **Monday 6th November 2023**.

Gaelic Football - Over the last few weeks our 4th, 5th & 6th Class boys and girls have been taking part in the Cumann na mBunscol Meath Primary School Football Competition. Both teams played really well with very good results. Well done to both teams and their mentors Ms. McCormack, Mr. McElroy, Ms. Catherine Fitzsimons, and our volunteer parent, Mr. Ivan Purcell.

Yoga - Starting on Tuesday 7th November every child will take part in Yoga for five weeks. These classes form part of our school's response to promote and support the wellbeing of all our pupils in Kiltale N.S.. This positive initiative will cost €15 per child.

FAI Coaching - On 19th October, Senior Infants to 6th class took part in a once off FAI coaching session. Positive feedback was received by all of the pupils who took part. As a result, we are now taking on the "FAI Futsal In The Yard" Coaching Programme for the whole school. These sessions will cost €5 per child. There will be five coaching sessions in total, with the first session commencing on Thursday 9th November.

Mini 7's - Boys and Girls from 4th to 6th Class will be taking part in the Mini 7's hurling (8th November) and camogie (15th November) competitions. As with all our teams, preference will be given to the pupils in the oldest classes first. Good luck to both teams.

Athletics - On Wednesday 22nd November the children from 4th to 6th Class who qualify in their age group will travel to Fairyhouse Racecourse to compete in the Cumann na mBunscol Cross Country event. Best of luck to all involved.

Parent Teacher Meetings - During November each year, we hold 10 minute meetings to inform parents of their child's progress so far this year. We will send out exact dates and times after the halloween break.

No School for Pupils on Thursday 30th November 2023 - Teachers nationwide are required by the Department of Education (DoE) to attend training on the new Primary Mathematics Curriculum (PMC) as per the [circular 0039/2023](#). As a result, the school will be closed on this day to facilitate staff training for teachers on the new PMC provided by Oide.

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Christmas Card Fundraiser - The children have finished their artwork for this year's Christmas cards and we look forward to receiving their completed cards in November. This year we are asking €12 per pack of 10 cards. We will send out the proofs and payment request in November.

Peace Proms Workshop - Our 4th to 6th Class pupils will take part in the Peace Proms on Saturday 3rd February 2024 at 2pm. Tickets will be on pre-sale for parents of choir members at 10am on Wednesday 1st November 2023. You will need this pre-sale code DUBSAT2PM. Please click this link to order your tickets <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/peaceproms> . You do not need to buy tickets for choir members. To prepare for the concert, they will attend a Workshop in the National Arena in Dublin on Wednesday 6th December. They will be travelling with their teachers to this event by bus. We will send exact details closer to the day.

Junior Infants 4-in-1 Vaccinations - The Doctors and nurses from the HSE will administer the 4-in-1 vaccinations to the Junior Infants on 8th December 2023. Thank you to all parents of Junior Infants for returning the forms so quickly.

Board of Management - At the end of November, our current Board of Management's term of office will end. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank each board member for their dedicated service to our school, our parish and to Catholic education since 2019. Boards of management of primary schools are appointed for a four year term. The term of office for new boards of management is from 1st December 2023 to 30th November 2027.

Parents' Association (PA)- A social night will be held on 17th November in Kiltale Clubhouse at 9pm. All funds raised here will be used to purchase much needed resources for our school. The Parents' Association of Kiltale N.S. will be holding its AGM in November. The time and date of this meeting will be confirmed as soon as possible. If you would like to get involved in any capacity, please email kiltalepta@gmail.com

Toiletry Bags - Thank you to everyone who has started using their toiletry bags. All pupils should bring in their own toiletry bag (small wash bag with face cloth / hand towel and hand sanitiser) as per the email sent out Friday 13th October 2023. Please ensure these are checked and laundered frequently as this encourages the pupils to become more aware and responsible for their own personal hygiene.

Dog Fouling - The Board of Management has a duty of care to our pupils and is very anxious to ensure that the dog fouling stops immediately. We are once again reminding everybody that **dogs are strictly not allowed on any part of the school grounds at any time** (whether school term, weekends or holidays) and irrespective of whether the dog is on a leash or not. By working together with parents and members of the community, we are taking these preventative measures in the interest of protecting the health and the safety of your children.

I would like to thank all the parents for their continued support and cooperation to date. Wishing you all the very best for the mid-term break.

Le gach-dea ghuí,
Colin McElroy.