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Dear Parents,

Congratulations to everyone in 2nd class who made their **First Confession and First Communion**. The First Communion was a wonderful day of celebration for all the families involved. The Communion Class was excellent, leading the prayers and doing the readings. The boys and girls who sang in the choir were amazing. Many thanks to Ms. Donnelly who prepared the choir and our organist Eileen Ryan. Thank you to Ms. Brown for preparing the pupils and to everyone who helped make the First Communion and confession go so well. Thank you to Fr. Janusz who helped prepare the children throughout the year. A very special word of thanks to the 1st Class parents who arranged and prepared refreshments in the hall for all the families involved after the ceremony.

No School Bank Holiday Monday 3rd and Friday 7th June 2024. On Friday, the school will be used as a voting station for the elections.

Congratulations to the Girls Rounders Team from 5th & 6th Class who won their final on Wednesday 29th May 2024. The final took place in the Navan O'Mahony's GAA grounds.

The school camogie team have qualified for the Cumann na mBunscol Division 3 final. This will take place on Saturday 15th June at 2.30pm in Trim GAA. Good luck to all the players involved.

Well done to the boys who were beaten in their respective semi-finals in rounders and hurling this term.

Please find attached our updated **"Calendar of Events for Term 3 2023/24"** please take note of relevant dates.

- As is our tradition here in Kiltale NS our New Junior Infants for 2024/25 will visit their classroom and teacher on the **20th June 2024 at 1.45pm**. Parents will meet with myself, school Principal, Mr. McElroy at the same time. Invitations will be sent home closer to the day.
- School Tours - In June all classes are going on School Tours as follows:-
 - 4th June - 6th Class Tour to Clara Lara
 - 5th June - 2nd to 5th Class are going to Bounce n Beyond
 - 14th June - Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st Class are going to Lullymore.
- There will be a whole school mass at 11am on Wednesday 19th June 2024.
- The 6th Class Graduation Mass will be at **9.15am on Thursday 20th June 2024**.
- The **Family Fun Day** is now on from **2 to 5pm** on Saturday 22nd June 2024.
- **Thursday 27th June** is the last day in school for 2023/24. **All pupils finish at 12 noon.**

As the 2023/24 school year is in the final term we are organising our 2024/25 school year.

- Please find attached our **Calendar for 2024/25** stating our start and finish dates and days off.
- **Classes for the 2024/25** academic year will be assigned as follows:-
 - Junior Infants
 - Senior Infants
 - 1st & 2nd Class
 - 3rd & 4th Class
 - 5th & 6th Class

School authorities are requested to ensure that the number of pupils in each class is kept as low as possible, taking all contextual factors into account (e.g., classroom accommodation, fluctuating enrolments, etc.) (Circular [0006/2023](#)). The Department of Education also encourages school authorities to implement smaller class sizes for junior classes where possible (circular [0006/2023](#)). The above classes were assigned based on this directive received above. Class teachers will be allocated before the end of the school year.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.
Le gach dea-ghuí,

Colin McElroy,
Principal.