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24<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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 **25<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> October** and will reopen on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

**Board of Management: Agreed Report -** The Board of Management would like to thank the Parents' Association and everyone involved for making the recent Family Fun Day a huge success.

**Gaelic Football -** Over the last few weeks our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class boys and girls have been taking part in the Cumann na mBunscol Meath Primary School Football Competition. Both teams played really well. Well done to both teams and their mentors Ms. McCormack, Mr. McElroy, Ms. Catherine Fitzsimons, and our volunteer parent, Mr. Ivan Purcell. Thanks to parents who carpooled to these events.

We have attached our updated **Calendar of Events**. Please check out the activities for the rest of term 1.

**Dance-** Starting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November every child will take part in Dance classes for four weeks. These classes form part of our school's response to promote and support the wellbeing of all our pupils in Kiltale N.S.

**Mini 7's -** Boys and Girls from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class will be taking part in the Mini 7's hurling (5<sup>th</sup> November) and camogie (7<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> November the children from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

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**Christmas Tree Lighting in Kiltale NS 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024** - *(Please note this date is subject to change depending on the confirmed date of the General Election.)* This will be followed by a cake sale & hot chocolates in the hall afterwards (6:30pm-8pm). Thank you to the Parents' Association for arranging this event. All funds raised will go to cover costs associated with our whole school trip to the TLT Christmas Panto called "Beauty and the Beast" on December 16<sup>th</sup> in Drogheda.

**After School Club** - From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 "KidsComp" are starting an "After School Club" for "Coding & Robotics" classes for children. Please see their website for details. Any queries regarding this club should be put to KidsComp directly.

**Nasal Vaccinations** - All the children with permission to get this vaccination were administered the vaccine today 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**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). Please ensure these are checked and laundered frequently as this encourages the pupils to become more aware and responsible for their own personal hygiene.

**Aladdin Payments Due** - Thank you to everyone who has already paid their Kiltale Fees, Voluntary Contribution for this 2024/25 school year and their BALANCE DUE for all the activities in Term 1. We look forward to receiving any outstanding payments before Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Without your support, we will have to review our participation in these events and activities in the future.

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,*

Principal.

*Orla Dunne,*

Acting Deputy Principal.