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Dear Parents,

10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Thank you to all of the pupils and parents for your support and cooperation regarding the **Orange Weather Warning** and its impact on our schedule this week. We appreciate these changes throughout the week had a big impact on all families. These decisions were made to ultimately keep everyone safe and well. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Classes from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> will continue to work with the Accelerated Reader Programme (ARP). Please click here to access the app at home, <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/6932647>  
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 homework journal to ensure that every child is benefitting fully from this initiative.

**Yoga** Started last Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January for 4 weeks. Children should wear their PE uniform on this day.

Starting this Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025, we have Neil, our GPO, starting **GAA Hurling coaching** with all classes. During these cold months we cannot emphasise enough how important it is for every pupil to wear the correct **school uniform**. The school tracksuit can be worn on PE days, please find the PE timetable attached, and when requested, **otherwise the full uniform should be worn**. For this training children can wear their black bottoms with shorts worn underneath, if they wish.

**Don't forget from January 2025** we will be rewarding the children who wear their full uniform. Pupils will receive their awards at our monthly assembly.

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2025** - Our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class are taking part in First Aid training funded by the Stephen Leonard Fund.

### **Catholic Schools' Week - Grandparents' Day Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025**

Catholic Schools' Week 2025 will run from Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2025. The theme for 2025 is 'Alive in Christ'. Grandparents' Day will be celebrated on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January and Fr. Wojciech will celebrate **mass at 10am** (to be confirmed) 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 for refreshments and to see the work on display in the hall and in the classrooms around the school. Please contact the Parents' Association if you are free and willing to help out on the day.

**Heritage Workshop 10<sup>th</sup> February** - We have Ross Wareham, a guest speaker from Heritage Ireland, visiting our school to help us make a Willow Dome.

**Please see a timetable attached of events that are scheduled for term 2.**

**Agree to Agree Initiative** - Please find attached a letter detailing the Parents' Information Webinar on Internet Enabled Devices at 7pm - 7.40pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Please find attached the results of the pupils' survey completed before Christmas on their *Digital Wellbeing*. The next phase of this pilot



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project will involve a focus group for parents on issues raised during this webinar. Times and dates to be confirmed.

We want the children to be outside as much as possible everyday during their breaks. As a result we would encourage all students to wear a warm coat for break times, a hat, a scarf and gloves are also a good idea if your child will wear them. We want to ensure that no one gets unnecessarily sick. Pull ups and outdoor shoes can be worn on the grass (waterproof trousers or an old pair of tracksuit bottoms to pull on over their clothes), by all classes. Please provide a waterproof bag for these to be stored in when not in use.

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***

Principal

***Orla Dunne***

Acting Deputy Principal