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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Mid-term

Please note that the school will be closed for mid-term next week on Thursday and Friday (21st and 22nd). Normal 2.30pm closure on Wednesday.

Afterschool Care

The school is delighted to announce that we are currently organising after school care for the 19/20 school year onwards. This will be discussed at the below Parents' Association meeting (28th of Feb. at 8pm). We are drafting an information flyer currently but the key details are:

- After school care with a professional service up until 6pm every day, with a school holiday service also on option
- The aim is to extend the children's daily learning by involving them in a range of sport and creative programmes. Children can relax and unwind in an interesting and stimulating environment.
- Based on school grounds so no need to organise transport
- With buy in from our school community, we can create a sustainable afterschool child care solution for everyone
- Full outline will be discussed at the PA meeting (28th of Feb. At 8pm)

I look forward to meeting you all on the night.

Vicarstown Vision Survey 2022

Thanks to the families that have completed the survey (73%). We will be analysing the data and using it to inform our strategy for the Vicarstown Vision. **Homework Policy:** We have gathered data through the survey on homework (content, amount etc.). We are renewing this policy currently, if you have additional input let the office know before mid-term. Thank you.

Chess

The team are currently preparing for the upcoming chess county final. Thank you to Ming Au for coming and sharing his expertise.

Thank you to Anthony Collins for cutting the grass around the school this week, much appreciated.

Knitting

Ms. McCabe and Ms. Mooney are delighted with the continued high attendance for the knitting classes. We are now aiming to knit little chicks for Easter. If you child would like to knit at home in the evenings with help from a parent, you might find the Youtube video "Knitting basics: getting started," useful to help children with their knitting.



Active Schools

Congratulations to Robert Gagnon, 4th Class who is this week's Active Person of the Week.

Religious Ceremonies

The "Do this in Memory of me" mass for 2nd class children will take place this weekend 16/17th of February.

The Confirmation Commitment ceremony will take place on Wednesday 27th of February at 7pm in St. Joseph's Church, Matehy.

Parents' Association Events

Parents' Association Meeting

The next Parents Association meeting will be held in the school on Thurs 28th Feb at 8pm. We would appreciate it if a parent from each family could attend. If anyone wants a particular topic to be added to the agenda please contact any member of the Parents Association in advance.

"Tidying up with Vera Keohane" – Thursday March 7th – 8pm Blarney Golf Resort, Club House

Vera Keohane is Ireland's first and only Konmari Consultant! The Konmari method of cleaning has taken the world by storm thanks to the Netflix Series "Tidying Up With Marie Kondo". Vera, who has been trained by Marie Kondo, will be demoing on home decluttering & organisation. Tickets are €10 to see Vera and are available on the door on the night, Please spread the word, all welcome.

Anti-Bullying Seminar by the The National Parents Council – 27th of March at 8pm in the School

Everyone is welcome to attend the National Parents Council talk on the Anti-Bullying Programme for parents of primary and post primary children. The session will enable you to support your child with parenting skills and approaches around issues of bullying. It will also inform you about the Anti-Bullying procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools.

Kind regards,

Peter Mulcahy,
Principal