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**Dear Parent / Guardian,**

**Sports:** Well done to all in our school community who are continuing their football season into the darker Autumn days. Our senior boys took part in a Cumann ns mBunscol blitz in Cloghan in September and will now travel to Donaghmoyne on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October to take part in the next stage. Some members of this team recently reached an U13 county final while others travelled outside of the county to play in U11 and U9 tournaments. Our girls are patiently waiting for their blitz. Their preparation is going very well as some of our girls recently won a cup for Truagh after a super performance in the final. Finally, we wish Mrs. McGuigan and all of the Truagh Ladies the very best of luck this evening in their final.

**Achievements:** Many of our children are making great progress in many different extra-curricular activities. We encourage them to keep us updated on their achievements and if they receive any accolades, to take them in and show them to our whole school.

**Swimming:** Our whole school (Juniors – 6<sup>th</sup>) will be starting swimming lessons after the Hallowe'en break. The lessons will take place on Fridays, commencing November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11am. We will travel together by bus to Monaghan Swimming Pool. The price per child per week will be 10 euro. This is a reduced price, made possible by the Parents' fundraising last year. We kindly ask parents to practice the changing and drying routine with your children before the swimming starts.

**Chromebooks:** Our children are enjoying getting to complete some of their tasks on our new chromebooks. The Senior Room are all working on Google Classroom and exploring the new Google Workstation apps. They are going to commence a typing programme soon.

**Aistear:** The Junior Room have been learning all about the house and home through Aistear play! Together they have read the story of "The Three Little Pigs". They are enjoying their time in the home corner and using Leo & bricks to build whatever they want (mostly new builds!). In the Junk Art area, they love using all the bits and bobs to make their own 3D house. They are now moving onto the Theme of Autumn, which of course can be discussed at home also.

**Nurse:** The public health nurse is coming to the school on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October to see the Junior Room

**Confirmation:** Bishop Duffy will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in Truagh Parish on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April next, at 11am in Clara church.

**Parent Teacher Meetings:** Will take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October. You will receive a timeslot shortly.

**Break Times:** We make every effort to get some active breaks outdoors each day. Having a coat and hat in each day makes this possible, even in the unpredictable months of winter.

**Hallowe'en Break:** Mid-Term Break will take place from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November inclusive. On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, we will be taking part in the 'Trick or Treat for Temple Street'. We encourage everyone to Dress Up for a Hallowe'en fun day and, if you can, take 2 euro in to give to Temple Street who take care of sick children.

**Child Safeguarding Statement:** Please find a copy of our school's Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment attached to an email sent to you. We are continuing to survey the children to gather their thoughts and opinions on the school.

**Kind Regards,**

**Matthew McArdle.**