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 **February 2025**

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

The children in Scoil Mhuire have been very busy so far this term!!

**1. Mid Term Break:**

The school will close on **Thursday 20th February** and **Friday 21st February** for the Mid- Term Break.

**2. Morning Drop:**

The school gate between the Senior and Junior schools is opened daily at **9.00 am.** Children should walk to their line in the yard and wait there for their teacher. School begins at **9:10am**. If children arrive in school **after 9:15** they must be accompanied to the reception by an adult and signed in.

**3. Absence from School**

If your child is absent for any reason there are 3 ways to let the school know:

1. Record the reason on the Aladdin App
2. Make a phone call to the secretary in the office
3. Write a note in the homework journal

**4. School Car Park:**

A gentle reminder not to block the entrance to our car park at drop off and pick up time. Please use the **parking spaces** provided and reverse into the space as it is safer to see children in front of the car as you begin to drive out. Please drive slowly out of the school as there will be children walking across the car park.

**5. Parental Communications Policy**

The Parental Communications Policy in on the Scoil Mhuire website. Just a reminder that any parent/ guardian with a complaint should firstly arrange an appointment with the class teacher. Positive and respectful communication is of high importance in our school.

**6. Recent and upcoming Events**

* Catholic Schools week was celebrated in Scoil Mhuire on the week of 20th January. Sacramental children from 2nd and 6th class attended 10am Mass in St. Mary’s church on Wednesday 22nd January.
* First Penance: This took place in St. Mary’s church on Thursday 6th February. The children were fantastic on the night. Special thanks to Ms. Flynn and Ms. Price for preparing the children.
* Tuck Shop: This was organised by the student council on Friday 31st January and raised €370 for our school.
* GAA: Junior Infant to 1st Class are currently completing GAA training with a coach from Navan O’ Mahony’s GAA Club
* Science Blast: This will take place in the RDS ON Monday 3rd March. 4th and 5th Class are currently working on projects to present on the day.
* World Book Day: We will celebrate this on Friday 7th March with parental involvement in many classes
* Seachtain na Gaeilge: This will take place from Monday 10th March to Friday 14th March.

**7. Junior Infants 2024/25:**

If you have a son/daughter who is starting Junior Infants in September 2025 please contact the office for an Application Form as soon as possible. You can also download a form from the school website. Children should attend **pre-school** in the years before starting school. The ECCE scheme is free and parents can avail of it from the time their child is 2 years and 8 months. Please contact Ms. Geraghty or Ms. Hayden if you need more information on pre-schools in the area.

**8. Attendance**

We are promoting attendance through attendance initiatives that change monthly. Here is what is coming up:

**February:** Surprise Pizza Month. Through the month of February, we will pick random classes to have a pizza party.

**March:** Secret Student Month. Every week 3 names in each class will be picked out and put in a sealed envelope. If they have full attendance that week then they will receive a prize in assembly.

**April:** Easter Hampers. For the two weeks before Easter each class will receive a hamper. Each child will get an opportunity to get 3 tickets per day. 1 for full uniform, 1 for attending school on time and 1 for attending school. 1 ticket will be picked out on the day of the holidays and only children who attend on that day will win the hamper.

**9. Financial Report**

I am attaching the financial report to parents for the school accounts 23/24. Our school is funded by the Department of Education through grants we receive through the year. The grants do not cover all of the costs associated with running our school and you will see there is a deficit for this financial year. As costs continue to rise, we will have to ask parents for more money for buses, trips and stationery. Thanks to everyone who contributes to the fundraising we do for our school as it is much appreciated. All money raised goes towards providing the best possible education for all of your children.

Thanks for your continued support.

Fiona Hayden,

*School Principal.*