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Dear Parent/s.

Staff Meeting

School closes this Wednesday the 10th at 2pm to facilitate a Staff Meeting.

Spring Into Action/ Money Raised

Spring Into Action was a big success again this year and thanks to all who contributed in any way. A big thank you to all who donated to our sponsored 3km run for Spring Into Action. From this sponsorship we have put aside €1500 for "Arts Week" which will take place in October (16th to the 20th). There will be a trip with various activities for 6th class arranged before they leave this year, as they will be missing Arts Week next year. We have also donated €1800 to Trócaire from the money raised.

U 13 Camogie

Our U 13 Camogie Team won their blitz comprehensively and will play Fethard in the County Final on the 25th or 26th of May in Semple Stadium.

School Tours

1st, 2nd, 3rd – Leahy's Farm Middleton on Thursday the 1st of June Total Cost - **€20**

4th, 5th, 6th - Ul Adventure Activity Centre Kilalloe on Thursday the 1st of June Total Cost - **€45**

Infants – Parson's Green on Friday, June the 9th Total Cost - **€16**

(Please Note: Infants will have NO school on Thursday the 1st of June)

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in the school hall for a week, starting on May the 18th. Children will have a chance to purchase books during this time.

Standardised Tests

Drumcondra English Test – Tuesday 23rd of May

Sigma T Maths Test – Tuesday 30th of May

Annual Cake/ Jumble Sale

We will have our annual Cake/ Jumble sale Thursday the 15th of June in the school hall.

Communion

The Communion is on Saturday the 20th of May at 11am.

We request that as many children as possible from 3rd to 6th class attend the communion to sing in the choir.

We ask that all children in the choir wear their full school uniform on the day.

The Parents Association have arranged for an official photographer to take photos on the day, which parents can purchase at a later date if they wish. More details to follow on this.

School Uniform / School Tracksuit

Meehan's Draper in Mullinahone now stock our school uniform. It was suggested at the last Parents Association meeting to look into the possibility of also getting Meehans to supply the school tracksuit. Samples have been given to the Parents Association and it is hoped a decision will be made at the Parents Association meeting tomorrow night, whether to continue with Fennessys or switch to Meehans. If a switch does happen, there will be time (2 – 3 years) allowed to phase out Fennessy tracksuits. This would facilitate parents who have already purchased school tracksuits and Fennessys who would have excess Gortnahoe NS stock.

Running:

Children from 1st – 6th class will now run on Thursdays from 2.45 to 3 pm as swimming will be on Fridays until the summer holidays.

School Uniform is to be worn with school shoes on Mondays & Tuesdays

School Tracksuit is to be worn on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays.

Plain navy shorts are allowed to be worn on sunny days. Please ensure your child has sun cream on coming to school on sunny days.

School/ Astro Turf Fundraising

It was decided by the school to hold a joint fundraising event with the Gortnahoe Astro Turf committee. A sub-committee set up by the Parents Association has put a lot of work into coming up with the idea of hosting "Lip Sync" in the Dome in Thurles on the 2nd of December. There is a lot of work to be done between now and then and we hope to create a great buzz in commemorating the 70th anniversary of the school as part of the fundraiser. A separate letter will follow with more details about the event, but at this stage I would ask if anyone has old photos from school going back through the years to send them into the school so we could make a copy for a book we will be publishing.

Yours sincerely,

David O'Dwyer