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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to everybody and we hope that you had a good summer. A particular welcome to our new pupils and we hope that they have a worthwhile and enjoyable time here with us. Junior Infants had their photos taken today so keep an eye out for smiling faces in the local papers!

It is very helpful to have your **child's name** on his/her belongings, particularly items of clothing so please check this immediately. Thank you.

Swimming commences for **4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes** on Tuesday next **6<sup>th</sup> September** in Kilkenny pool. The lessons will continue for ten weeks. Each pupil must wear their P.E. uniform and please make sure that your child has a swimming cap. Cost per week is €5 per pupil. Please pay €10 on Monday morning next (5<sup>th</sup>) and €5 each Monday morning thereafter for the following eight weeks, with no payment required on the last week.

Swimming will begin for **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classes** on Friday next **9<sup>th</sup> September** in Graiguecullen pool. The lessons will continue for eleven weeks. Each pupil must wear their P.E. uniform on the day and please make sure that your child has a swimming cap. Cost per week is €5 per pupil. Please pay €10 on Thursday morning next (8<sup>th</sup>) and €5 each Thursday morning thereafter for the following nine weeks, with no payment required on the last week. **Please send payment to the appropriate class teacher in an envelope with your child's name and marked Swimming.** Thank you. All lessons will take place during school hours.

Speech and Drama lessons will recommence next week for all classes, as will Music for all classes and Yoga Bugs for Junior and Senior Infants. These are paid for by funds raised by the Parents Association so be sure to help out when they come looking for support!

We are doing a lot of work in the school on recycling and matters related to care of the environment. As part of this we encourage you to use a proper reusable lunchbox for your child that will reduce the amount of waste we have to deal with. Thank you.

We are going to introduce a "Text-a-Parent" system in which the school may send you a short text message on school related matters such as congratulations, sudden changes to match times, collection arrangements, reminders etc. It is a system that has been found to work very well. It will be in addition to letters such as this and not a replacement for them. The number of messages will be kept to a minimum and there will be no cost to you. We will use one mobile number per family from our records and if you think we may not have the correct number for you, please contact the school. If you would prefer not to be contacted by the school in this way, please let us know and we can easily remove you from the list. It will take us a few weeks to get the system up and running.

The teachers will be having a staff meeting next **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September** so all pupils (except Junior Infants) will finish at **2 p.m.** on that day.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who have been so welcoming since my arrival in Leighlinbridge. I am really looking forward to working with the children, teachers and you the parents to continue to build a community of which we can all be proud.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal