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Dear Parents,

Enrolments for the school year 2006-2007 will be accepted during the week of **February 6th-10th**. If you have a child you wish to enrol or you know of anybody who does, then please contact the school for an enrolment form.

Our collection at the Christmas Carol Service raised a total of €624.77. A raffle held in school raised a total of €204.30. Both amounts were donated to Goal to help the victims of the earthquake in Pakistan. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Pupils are required to have a "painting shirt" for artwork to protect their uniform. This works very well but it is the nature of school life that there will be the odd occasion where – despite the efforts of pupils and teachers – an accident occurs. If paint from school gets on clothes, first **soak for a couple of hours in cold water**, then wash as normal. Thankfully this happens only rarely but the above advice should prove useful if it does.

You should have received with this letter a bag for you to donate any unused mobile phones you may have lying around. Please return to the school by **Friday** if you have anything to donate. Also on the recycling theme if you still have any old Christmas cards, these will be used by Cáirdeas in Tullow and we will accept them here in the school. Please bring them in by Friday as well. Thank you.

If you usually shop in a particular supermarket and are offered tokens for primary schools then we will gladly take them, but please do not change your shopping habits on the foot of this type of scheme. A properly funded education system would reduce the pressure on families and schools from companies who naturally have their own commercial interests at the top of their agenda. Providing the best education possible for your child is at the top of ours. Having said that, we do appreciate that people like to contribute to their local school and are very grateful for that support as always. Thank you.

The A.G.M. of the Leighlinbridge Improvement Group is being held this **Thursday, 26th January** at 8 p.m. in the Parish Centre. A representative from each household is asked to attend the meeting.

Please find attached a draft of the school Acceptable Use Policy. We are waiting to receive our broadband connection which should happen within the next couple of months. It is good to be prepared and we would ask you to read the policy and welcome your comments or suggestions. These will be taken into account before the Board of Management ratifies the policy.

During our playground supervision we have noticed that occasionally a parent or relation will lean in over the school wall to talk to a child or hand them their lunch. While this is typically a happy and safe moment we are concerned that there is the (thankfully small) possibility that such an encounter might not be so well meaning. So for the safety of all our pupils we remind you to **please contact Kathleen** or one of the **teachers on supervision** if you wish to speak to a child during the day. We trust you will understand that this small inconvenience for you is in the best interests of the children. Thank you for your cooperation.

School will be closed for pupils on **Friday, 3rd February** because the teachers are obliged to attend an in-service day. Finally, we wish a happy and prosperous 2006 to all our pupils and their families.

Yours faithfully,

Principal