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Dear Parents,

Please find attached a petition from the INTO. Parents of all primary school children in the country are being asked to play their part in reminding the government to fulfil its promise of smaller class sizes for all pupils. While this is not a problem for us here at the moment it could be in the future. Every school is being asked to issue the letter and it has the approval of the Catholic Primary School Managers Association. Please detach, sign and return to the school immediately. The petitions will then be forwarded to the INTO. Thank you.

Congratulations to the pupils of 2nd and 6th Classes who made their First Communion and Confirmation recently. They were a credit to themselves, their families and their school. Thanks to Ms. Doyle and Mr. Hoyne who worked so hard with the children, to Mrs. Cummins for helping with the choir and to Theresa Murphy for helping with everything! Well done to all.

Speech and drama and tin whistle are continuing. Yoga is on hold for the moment and we wish Marian well in the coming weeks! 5th and 6th Classes have been receiving lessons in drumming and guitar from Eddie Sheehan and Mary Minchin returned to the school recently with her prize-winning choir performing beautifully for us.

2nd and 3rd Classes are receiving weekly hurling coaching from Johnny Nevin and Martin Dermody. Well done to the boys hurling team which won their section of the blitz in Tullow recently. Cumann na mBunscol hurling leagues are now ongoing for both the boys and girls teams.

The school tour season is almost upon us. This year we will have four tours: Junior and Senior Infants will travel to Kilkenny on Wednesday, 7th June. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Classes will go to the Zoo on Thursday, 8th June. 4th and 5th Classes will go to Dunmore East Adventure Centre on Tuesday, 6th June and 6th Class will travel to Oakwood on Friday, 16th June. Due to the increased number of teachers we will have plenty of supervision for pupils on the day of their tour.

If you happen to have any Computers for Schools tokens lying around we will accept them and put them to good use. Thank you.

Rory Johnston and Siobhain Lawlor from our Green Schools Committee were chosen to represent the school at the presentation of our first green flag recently. The Minister for Education, Mary Hanafin, presented the flag. The photo can be seen in the latest news section of our website at www.leighlin.net. We are in the process of organising a ceremony for the raising of the flag. More details to follow.

Congratulations to Poppy Ashmore (6th Class) who is a prizewinner (again!) in the Esso Wildlife Challenge. Artist Don Conroy will visit the school next week in celebration and take part in an art class with some of the children.

As the end of year approaches we ask you as in previous years to please send in a stamped, addressed envelope per family to help us with the cost of sending out school reports. For convenience, we are considering adding this cost to the booklist at the end of the year. Your comments on this matter are welcome. Due to the issuing of new assessments we also need to ask for €2 per pupil in 1st and 2nd Classes (English and Maths assessments) and €1 per pupil in 3rd – 6th Classes (Maths assessments). Please send to the school immediately. Thank you.

Please note that there will be a No Uniform / No Homework Day on next **Thursday, 1st June** to raise funds for the Parents Association. The cost will be €2 per family. Please note also that on that day there will be a staff meeting so **all pupils will finish at 2 p.m.**

Please see note overleaf re. Book Rental Scheme.

Yours faithfully,

Principal