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Dear Parents,

As part of their preparation for the sacraments 6th Class took part in a pre-Confirmation retreat last week and 2nd Class will be attending Mass on Friday mornings for a number of weeks. Many thanks to Mrs. O'Connor and Ms. Denieffe for their important work with the pupils and to you as parents who take the time to encourage the children at this time.

Junior and Senior Infants will be travelling to see the play "The Bus" in the Watergate Theatre in Kilkenny this week. Part of our strategy to prevent bullying is to give pupils the opportunity to deal through drama with the issues that arise in conflict between people. "The Bus" follows the progress of the new boy as he familiarises himself with the politics of the school bus and learns for himself the rules for survival - and acceptance. Thanks to Ms. Purcell and Ms. O'Brien for taking this initiative.

Please drop in any bags for the clothes collection to the school hall by Thursday morning. Thank you.

This year we are focusing on *Gaeilge* in the school and are reviewing our policy on the teaching and learning of Irish. At our request Conchubhair Ó Laoighre from the Primary Curriculum Support Programme is working with us to help us to develop our teaching skills and to show us some innovative approaches to stimulating the children's interest in our native tongue. He will have visited all classes by the end of the year. Conchubhair is very impressed with the standard of Irish in the school and we would encourage you to help to develop the children's interest as well – as a small step why not tune in to TG4 now and again? *Ní neart go cur le chéile* (togetherness is strength).

6th Class boys and girls will be taking part in the Co. Carlow Basketball League for Primary Schools over the coming weeks. Many thanks to Ms. Purcell for organising this.

The Board of Management is considering a proposal to move the opening and closing times of the school a half an hour earlier from next September. This would mean doors opening at 8:50 a.m., Junior and Senior Infants finishing at 1:30 p.m. and older classes finishing at 2:30 p.m. The Board invites your comments before the mid-term break (Thursday 14th February) either in person to the Principal or by completing the form below.

There will be a staff meeting this Thursday (7th) so **all pupils will finish at 2 p.m.** on the day.

Yours faithfully,

Principal

Comment on the Proposed Change

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