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Dear Parents,

Thanks to you all for your great support of the recent Witch Walk and school Book Fair. The walk provides resources for the Parents Association and the Book Fair provided us with books which will be used in every classroom so all will benefit. I would particularly like to thank those from the Parents Association who helped in the organisation of the Witch Walk and Mrs. O'Connor for her organisation of the Book Fair.

Parent Teacher meetings will take place next week on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons between 2 and 4 o'clock. We will presume that you are available on either afternoon but if you are not it is very important that you let your child's teacher know immediately and we will arrange a suitable time for you. Thank you.

We will all be taking part in the "Big Sing" between 2 and 3 o'clock on 27th November. If Junior and Senior Infants can stay until 3 o'clock on the day it would be great for them to join with us. Children all over Ireland and the UK will sing simultaneously to break the existing Guinness World Record of 293,978 children all singing simultaneously. Each child that participates will be asked to donate €1 in order to raise money for Special Olympics Ireland and Childline. Keep an ear out on the day!

On Tuesday, 2nd December during the school day we have organised that the West Midlands Children's Theatre Company from England will visit and perform a play for us all. We are conscious that times are becoming tighter and assure you that we will make every effort to keep costs to a minimum. In line with this there will be no charge for the play on this occasion.

On a similar theme the government has repeatedly promised in recent years to reduce the size of primary school classes. They had opportunities to do this when times were good and indeed it was one of the pre-election promises. While we are all aware that economic circumstances have become more difficult, to actually do the opposite of what was promised is extraordinary. Those of us involved in education can think of ways in which money can be saved and efficiencies achieved without asking primary school children to sit in larger classes. This does not affect every school equally and while we are relatively unaffected this time, this may not always be the case. If you are unhappy with primary school children being required to sit in larger classes, I urge you to make it very clear to your public representatives.

We will be holding a Carol Service in Leighlin church at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th December. You are all invited to hear some Christmas music and reflections on the meaning of Christmas.

The teachers have attend training on Wednesday of this week so all pupils will finish at 2 o'clock.

Yours faithfully,

Principal