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*Mission Statement*

*As a Catholic school, our mission is  
to develop the intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual aspects of each child  
and encourage everyone to respect themselves and one another.*

*We value each person while working to provide a supportive environment  
for all pupils to learn and play in harmony together.*

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the school and the Parents Association I would like to thank you all for your wonderful support of the Witch Walk at Halloween. It was no mean feat to raise €4,500 in the current financial climate and a particular well done to those who took the time to help with the organising of the event and who put such an effort into making their own costumes. Well done to all!

Parent-Teacher meetings will take place on the afternoons of Thursday and Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November between 1 and 3 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.

Well done also to our pupils who sang at the opening of the Visual Centre in Carlow recently. There was a great extravaganza on the day and it was a joy to be part of it. For those of you who have not yet visited the centre, I encourage you to do so. It is a tremendous facility to have in Carlow and as the arts often flourish in more difficult times, we now have a first class location in our own county!

The school building has recently had its insulation upgraded to modern standards. This should mean that heat is retained for longer and a consequent reduction in heating costs.

Many thanks to the parents of Junior and Senior Infants who attended in large numbers for a talk on the Road to Reading. It's really important to make the time to sit your young child on your knee and enjoy a story with them. It's also a real opportunity for grandparents to be involved too! Many thanks to Ms. Purcell, Ms. Hanley and Mrs. Roche for their time on the night.

The pupils of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes will be singing in the R.D.S. as part of the Hallelujah Concert on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> December. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Classes will be singing some of the songs from the concert in the school on the night of Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December. The aim is to give those parents who aren't travelling a chance to hear the music and to give the children a chance to perform what they have learned. Infants – 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes will perform later in the year. Many thanks to Mrs. Byrne for organising our musical events. Details to follow.

Swimming is ongoing for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Classes and 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Classes in Graiguecullen pool. We believe it's important for children to be comfortable in the water and to learn to swim. We have to travel to the pool so naturally there is a cost involved which we keep as low as possible. Please pay promptly as requested. Thank you.

If you have any old mobile phones, please send them into the school and we can put them to good use collecting for the Jack and Jill Foundation which provides support for the parents of babies who are born with life threatening and severely debilitating diseases. The school and the environment also benefit from the collection. More details available at [www.jackandjill.ie](http://www.jackandjill.ie).

Yours faithfully,

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Principal