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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.*

14th October 2010

Dear Parents,

It's important that all pupils wear their proper uniform. Remember that children from 1st Class upwards need indoor shoes (we strongly advise a canvas shoe with a rubber sole or plimsoll) to help us keep the carpets and floors as clean as possible. Thank you.

You should have received details of our annual Witch Walk which will take place on the morning of Thursday, 21st October. Your support is appreciated as always and we hope to have a lot of fun too.

Our no uniform day last June collected €166 which was donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Frank Holden from the Carlow conference talked to 3rd – 6th classes recently about the work that is done with people who are in real need. The children had some interesting questions for him on the day.

Yoga with Marian Nolan is ongoing for Infants and 1st Class and will begin as the year goes on for the older children as well. Johnny Nevin and Darren Kavanagh along with the teachers are working with boys and girls from 1st – 6th Classes for football. We are aiming to improve the skill level and standard generally while enjoying ourselves too. We would love to see our pupils play for Michael Davitt's and Carlow too in future years! We have also ordered 2 new sets of jerseys for the school which should arrive soon.

Swimming is ongoing for 1st – 3rd Classes on Fridays and 4th – 6th Classes on Wednesdays 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.

You may have heard some talk in the media recently about the value of homework. It is our view that properly managed, homework is a useful way of reinforcing work done in school and in helping pupils to become independent learners. Pupils' homework will be given at a level that is appropriate for them and should not take an unusually long time. Please make sure that you sign your child's homework journal when the work is completed. Noting the length of time taken gives the teachers more information on how your child is managing the work. Remember too that homework is not always written, it can include reading, learning and revising.

The pupils will have their photos taken in their class groups next Monday for the purpose of displaying them inside the front door.

There are still some unclaimed coats and other items of clothing here in the school, most of them from last year. If you wish to claim something please contact Kathleen in the office before Halloween. We will be recycling them after that. Thank you.

School will be closed for the Halloween break from Monday 25th – Friday 29th October. Due to a staff meeting, all pupils will finish at 2 p.m. on Monday 8th November. Remember the main closures for the year are detailed at www.leighlin.net.

Yours faithfully,

Principal