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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.*

8th May 2014

Dear Parents,

I would like to praise and thank the boys and girls in general for their good behaviour. If a pupil steps out of line s/he will be corrected firmly and fairly. We expect the highest standards of behaviour in the school but we do not take it for granted. I would like you to show them this newsletter, remind them of what is expected and to keep up the good work. If you need to improve, you know who you are!

Best wishes to our 6th Class who are being confirmed on Saturday. All involved (including those singing in the choir) should be at the church by 10:45 so that we will be ready to start promptly at 11 o'clock. The ceremony should take about an hour.

The Board of Management has reviewed the use of the school uniform and has decided the following:

Uniform

Navy jumper without crest, plain light blue shirt, navy tie, grey trousers.
Grey pinafore or skirt to be worn in conjunction with plain navy or grey tights or socks.

Tracksuit

School tracksuit top with crest, plain light blue polo shirt (without crest),
plain navy tracksuit bottoms.

Footwear

Outdoor: Appropriate shoes or runners.
Indoor: Black canvas shoe with a rubber sole (plimsoll) for all pupils from Sept. 2014.

Rea's of Bagenalstown remain the supplier for the tracksuit top. This is partly due to the fact that there has been a highly significant reduction in the cost of the top which is now competitive with other suppliers. Parents are free to purchase any other part of the tracksuit or uniform in any outlet they choose. On the rare occasion when the weather is unusually warm, the teachers will let the children know when shorts are acceptable. These shorts should be **plain** navy, although plain black or grey are allowed because there will be some years where the situation will not arise at all.

Ms. Murphy is taking additional unpaid maternity leave which has been approved by the Board of Management. She will not now return until September and Ms. Taylor will continue with 6th Class until the end of June.

Our money snake in support of the Suas education project in Kolkata raised €335. Thank you.

You can now take part in the Leighlin Parish Draw 2014 at www.leighlinparish.ie if you're feeling lucky!

Due to the local and European elections there will be no school on Friday, 23rd May.

More overleaf...

Remember that school tours will be taking place this term and to budget for these. We are conscious of costs and try to keep them as low as possible.

While we managed to reach the required enrolment this year when it looked unlikely, we are still concerned about staffing levels for the school year 2015/16 and we are still about 3 pupils short of the level needed to retain the existing number of teachers for that year. These pupils need to be enrolled by September this year and while we do have a healthy number of Junior Infants starting, because of large numbers finishing and because of some people either leaving the area (or leaving the country) we need a few more. If you know of anyone who is or will be in a position to enrol or even think about enrolling a child in the next year or two please ask them to contact the school immediately. Likewise if you (or someone you know) has a child who was born before 30/9/2010 but are unsure whether to start them in September this year or wait until next year, please let me know and we can explore if it might be possible for them to enrol for the coming September. Thank you.

Thank you for your support as always.

Yours faithfully,

Principal