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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.*

18th June 2014

Dear Parents,

We will say a formal goodbye to our 6th Class next Monday evening with a Mass for them in the school at 7:30 p.m. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the school staff to wish each and every one of them well for the rest of their schooldays and the rest of their lives. Our end of year Mass for all other classes will take place in the school on Wednesday morning (25th) at 10:15 a.m., preceded by a presentation to 6th Class from the Parents Association. Parents of all children are welcome to join us.

The pupils have been engaging in all kinds of physical activities this week as part of active schools week. As part of our Physical Education curriculum we aim to encourage and develop a variety of physical activities. If your child can develop an interest in even one new enjoyable pursuit this will really benefit them. Many thanks to Ms. Purcell for coordinating the activities.

Your child's school report will be posted home tomorrow and booklists for next year's classes were issued today. These booklists will also be posted on the school website if you need them during the holidays. If you have recently changed address please ring the school immediately to avoid post being sent to the wrong place. You may reuse covers from this year's books if you wish. Please remember to care for books that you have rented and it is important that children keep any drinks in a separate pocket in their bags. Spilled drinks mean damaged books and extra cost. Many thanks to Mrs. O'Connor for organising the book rental scheme again this year. To facilitate parents Jones Business Systems in Carlow also has our booklists online. Visit www.carlowschoolbooks.ie, click on the Book Lists tab, choose Leighlinbridge NS and then the class. The books can be ordered and collected in one go when they are ready. You are also free to buy the books from any other outlet that is convenient for you.

Please remember that from September the school uniform specifies a black canvas shoe with a rubber sole (plimsoll) for indoor wear. These are very reasonably priced and readily available.

We are inching towards safety re. staffing levels for the school year 2015/16 but could still do with one or two pupils to retain the existing number of teachers for that year. These pupils need to be enrolled by September this year. If you (or someone you know) has a child who was born on or before 30/9/10 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 sooner rather than later. Thank you.

All Boards of Management have been required to review their anti-bullying policies. We have had a comprehensive policy in place for some time and it was a good time to review it. A draft of the reviewed policy is available on the school website, is posted on the notice board near the front door of the school or is available from the office on request. The Board welcomes any queries, comments or contributions either by speaking with myself or by emailing the school. We are now required to issue a School Self-Evaluation report and this will be available on the homepage of the school site next week. Thank you.

As we approach the end of another year I would like to thank all those who help to keep the school running so well, including those who volunteer their time and efforts in many ways, members of the Board of Management and the Parents Association. I especially want to thank the teachers for their hard work and for all the dedication, care and attention that they give to your children. I hope that during the summer all parents find some time for yourselves to rest and relax.

Yours faithfully,

Principal