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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.

19th March 2015

Dear Parents,

We have had very positive feedback from the recent Whole School Evaluation carried out by inspectors from the Department of Education. The full report will be published by the Department in due course. I'm really pleased to inform you that the inspectors complimented the school on its many strengths such as:

- *There is a welcoming, supportive and inclusive school atmosphere.*
- *Almost all parents agreed that their child feels safe and is well looked after in school.*
- *A main strength is the high quality teaching, as well as the openness and reflectivity that exists among the teaching staff.*
- *High expectations are set for pupils' learning. Almost all parents agree that teaching is good in the school and that their children enjoy school.*
- *Pupils are achieving at commendable levels.*
- *Pupil behaviour and overall engagement levels were very good and pupils were well managed.*
- *The parents association provides positive support to the school.*
- *The quality of school planning is very good. Individual teachers are diligent about classroom planning.*
- *Pupils are valued and supported and pupils with special educational needs are making very good progress.*

I would like to thank the staff of the school for all the work that they put in on behalf of your children, the children of Leighlin and the surrounding areas and to remind you once again of our commitment to providing the best education that we possibly can. We look forward to continuing to work with you in our efforts to sustain what we are doing so well and help the children to learn, to grow and to develop.

There will be a coffee morning in the school next Wednesday morning, 25th March in aid of Temple St. Children's Hospital (one of our pupils had major surgery there last year). If you or any children would like to bake or buy anything on the morning they are welcome to do so. We recommend that the children bring in €1 to buy something if they wish. More details to come by text. All welcome.

Those who had photos taken recently by the photographer should have received the proofs which were given out yesterday. Orders must be returned by Friday 27th March.

Ciarán Smithers from the Road Safety Authority recently visited the school and talked to all the children about the importance of being safe on the road. Please remember to give the children good example when it comes to road safety; it's in everybody's interest.

A reminder that this school is a Fairtrade school. If you are purchasing anything in the shops, please keep an eye out for the Fairtrade logo and consider choosing these products. More info at www.fairtrade.ie.

Our best wishes go to Sixth Class who are making their Confirmation this week. It marks another step on their journey in life and another chance for their families and the school and parish community to let them know that we care about them and will support them through good times and times in their lives that they will find more challenging. *Go n-éiri leo.*

As always, please ensure that you are on time to collect your child and if you are going to be unusually late please let us know so that we can reassure them that you are on the way.

Friday week, March 27th is Daffodil Day and daffodils etc. will be on sale outside the school gate in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. School will close for Easter holidays at 12 noon on that day and reopen on Monday, 13th April.

Gymnastics and drama lessons are ongoing. As with swimming at the start of the year, there are costs involved. The parents association has been very supportive over the years and we have managed to keep the costs to a minimum, often subsidising the costs completely. If we were to charge full price for these sessions it would involve a combined cost of €16 per child. The parents association is in a position to help to reduce the cost to €10 for 1 child, €20 for two children in a family or €25 for three or more children in a family. Please pay as soon as possible. Thank you.

Please see important information attached from the Department of Education and Skills. Please complete and return **immediately**. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John McAdams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Principal