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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.*

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending the parent/teacher meetings held recently. These meetings provide a chance to talk about how your child is progressing in school. The teachers welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your attendance is a sign of your interest in your child's education.

The government has decided that Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March will be "Proclamation Day" on which schools will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Easter Rising. At 10 o'clock that morning we will have a short ceremony which will include the raising of the national flag that was presented to us last September. You are all welcome to join us. It will be a day of celebration and pride in all things Irish, both looking back at one of the formative events in our history and looking forward to what we hope for in the future.

Drama lessons are ongoing for all classes and the children are getting great enjoyment from them. The cost of these classes is covered by money raised by the Parents Association.

Gymnastics was due to start last week but will now start this Wednesday (24<sup>th</sup>).

We held a talk for parents earlier in the year on internet safety and have arranged various talks for the older classes over the past year or so, most recently for 6<sup>th</sup> Class. It's very important that you are in touch with what your child is doing online.

The school will be closed for polling on Friday 26<sup>th</sup>. Whatever your political views, please show your children how important our country is to you by casting your ballot. Imagine what people in Syria and other countries around the world give for our (flawed) democracy! Why not encourage your child to become active in politics when they are older? We like to criticise politicians, but a country cannot function without them. Please vote!

If you know of anyone who is considering enrolling their child for September but has not yet done so or is unsure, please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible. Thank you.

The school will close for Easter at noon on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, reopening on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Other closures are detailed on the school website at [www.leighlin.net](http://www.leighlin.net). While you are there, why not have a look at some of the great learning activities that the children have been taking part in? Just click on the photo!

Thank you for your support as always.

Yours sincerely,

Principal