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Family Note #5

Dear parents,

As the month of March is fast approaching, I would like to take the opportunity to notify you of some upcoming events and new initiatives in our school;

First Holy Communion 2024; We look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 25th at 10.30am in Muckross Church.

Confirmation; We also look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday March 8th at 2.30pm.

Service of light; The Service of light for 6th class pupils will take place in the school on Tuesday, March 5th at 2pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Enrolment 2024; Applications for our Junior Infant class 2024 are now closing. Application forms are available to download from our website or directly from the office. The closing date is tomorrow, February 23rd 2024.

Work experience; Huge welcome back to past pupil Sarah Cooper who completed her placement in the school recently.

Teaching Practice; Darragh O'Doherty is currently completing his teaching practice with 4th Class. Well done to Darragh on his great work.

Say Yes to languages; We are delighted to have been accepted to take part in the Say Yes to Languages programme once again this year. Classes 4th -6th will take part in this initiative which will see them revise Spanish over an 8 week period in Term 3.

No uniform day; Our recent No uniform day organised by our Student Council was a huge success. Over €250 was raised in aid of our yard painting.

Shamrock Fundraiser; Our Student council are also hosting a Shamrock for sale fundraiser. Details and sponsorship cards will be sent home shortly.

Swimming; Swimming for Mrs. Clifford's 4th class and Mr. O'Sullivan's 3rd class is now nearing completion.

First Aid training; 4th -6th classes will take part in first aid training in the school on Tuesday next. These skills are of vital importance and we aim to provide each class with at least one session before they leave our school.

Relax Kids Kerry; We are delighted to be able to provide a six week block of the Relax kids programme including reflexology and ways of relaxing and calming young minds. These sessions will be provided initially for classes Junior Infants -3rd and take place after the Easter break. There will be a small cost to parents and it will subsidised by the school. More information to follow.

Hot Lunches; Our hot lunch initiative is due to begin after the Easter break. Following the procurement process, The lunch Bag will provide this service for our school. Ovens will now be installed in the school to facilitate this new initiative. More information will be sent to parents in the coming weeks.

Solar PV Panels; We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in our application for funding for Solar PV panels. These will be installed during the Easter break They will reduce our energy bills and energy generated during the summer months will be sold back to the grid. This is a very exciting development for our school.

School Closure; School will be closed tomorrow, Friday 23rd February to facilitate staff professional development in the new primary Maths Curriculum.

School will close at **12noon on Friday March 8th** as is tradition on Confirmation day.

Regards,

B O'Sullivan