

9th January 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Athbhlian faoi mhaise daoibh go léir. Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to school everybody.

Term Two Reminders

1. The Department of Education has issued **guidelines for schools and parents in relation to the flu**. The information is available at this link <http://www.hpsc.ie/az/respiratory/influenza/seasonalinfluenza/guidance/schools/> . If your child is suffering from flu like symptoms (the guideline document shows the difference between the flu and the common cold), keep your child at home until they are well enough to return. We have been demonstrating good hygiene etiquette in school with the pupils to reduce the spread of infection. Please note also that pupils are not permitted to bring medication or lozenges to school with them for headaches or colds.
2. We had a huge reduction in **head lice** in the last term. Head lice usually spread in the first few weeks of each term after pupils return from holidays. We will have another bug busting campaign this weekend. See the note on the reverse of this page.
3. The wearing of **school uniforms and eating of healthy lunches** were both excellent in the last term. Please keep both up for the remainder of the school year. If your child is not in full uniform or is absent from school, please have a note of explanation for the class teacher.
4. Many thanks also for your consideration in the **car park** in the mornings and afternoons.

Dates For The Fridge

- **School Closure – Wednesday 17th January**. School is closed on this day as all teachers will be attending inservice training for the new Language Curriculum which is being rolled out for all primary schools.
- **Swimming** – Swimming begins for junior infants, senior infants, 4th and 6th classes this month.
- **Grandparents Day - Friday 2nd of February**. Grandparents of all pupils are invited to the school at 9.30am on that morning for a cup of tea or coffee, courtesy of the Parent Association, before receiving a tour of the school with our 6th class tour guides. The session will end at 10.45am. We hope as many grandparents as possible can make it again this year.
- **Enrolment Week Monday 5th – Friday 9th of February**. If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2018, please call to the school before or during enrolment week for a registration form. Please also pass the message on to neighbours or extended family members.

Regards,

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Principal
On behalf of the Board of Management

