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**Roll No. 091911**  
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23rd May 2023

Dear Parents,

**Dates to Remember**

Thursday 25th May	School Tour 3rd - 6th Classes
Monday 5th June	School closed for Bank Holiday
Mon 12th - Friday 16th June	Swimming Lessons for 3rd - 6th Classes
Tuesday 20th June	School Tour Junior Infants - 2nd Class
Wednesday 21st June	6th Class Graduation & End of Year Celebration
Thursday 22nd June	Whole School Pizza Party
Friday 23rd June	School closes for the summer holidays

**6th Class Graduation & End of Year Celebration**

You are all invited to a graduation ceremony for 6th Class and end of year celebration at 1pm on Wednesday 21st June. We plan to hold this outside and for the whole school to be in attendance. There will be some refreshments in the school afterwards.

Please note that if the weather is bad we will hold the ceremony inside and attendance will be limited to 6th Class and their parents.

**Class Allocation 2023/24**

Junior & Senior Infants	Aoife Walsh
1st & 2nd Classes	Teacher to be recruited
3rd & 4th Classes	Deirdre Bell & Sorchá Shaughnessy (Job Sharing)
5th Class	Colette Hyland
6th Class	Aoife Connolly
Cairdeas 1	Kate Leonard & Aimee Owens (Job Sharing)
Cairdeas 2	Ailíse Bourke
Cairdeas 3	Áine Doyle
Support Teacher	Fiona Walsh
Support Teacher	Freddie Galvin
Support Teacher	Laura Cleary

I will be in touch, before the holidays, with parents of classes that have job sharing teachers to explain how it will be organised. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

**School Calendar 2023/24**

School Opening	Wednesday August 30th
Hallowe'en Mid Term	Oct 30th-November 3rd
Christmas	School closes on Friday 22nd December & reopens Monday January 8th
St. Brigid's Day Public Holiday	Monday 5th February
Mid Term Break	Thursday 15th & Friday 16th February
St. Patrick's Day	Monday 18th March
Easter	School closes Friday 22nd March & reopens Mon 8th April
May Bank Holiday	Mon 6th May
June Bank Holiday	Mon 3rd June
Summer Holidays	School closes on Friday 21st June

### **Standardised Testing**

Standardised tests are being carried out in English and Maths in 2nd, 4th and 6th Classes this week. Results will be included in school reports. They also have to be reported to the Dept of Education. More information on standardised tests can be found at this link:

<https://www.geashillns.ie/wp/wp-content/uploads/primary-standardised-testing.pdf>

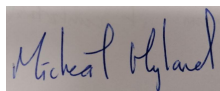
### **School Reports**

School reports will be sent home on Tuesday 13th June. If you have any concerns about your child's progress - be it academically, socially or emotionally, please feel free to get in touch with your child's teacher or myself before the holidays.

School reports will also include your child's attendance record. As you know, if your child has been absent for 20 days or more, they will be included in the end of year Annual Attendance Report which schools have to submit to Tusla. It is therefore important that you continue the good practice of sending a short explanation of any absence to the class teacher. This can be done via Class Dojo or in a note.

Remember you can keep in touch with the many activities going on in the school by looking at Class Dojo, our website [www.geashillns.ie](http://www.geashillns.ie) and following us on Twitter @GeashillNS.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Micheál Hyland".

Mícheál Hyland  
Principal