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Dear Parents,

School Closures 2021/22

Hallowe'en Mid Term	Oct 25th-29th
Christmas	School closes on Wed 22nd & reopens Thurs January 6th
Mid Term	24th & 25th Feb
St. Patrick's Day	17th & 18th March
Easter	School closes Friday 8th April & reopens Mon 25th April
May Bank Holiday	Mon 2nd May
June Bank Holiday	Mon 6th June
Summer Holidays	School closes on Friday 24th June

The school will be closed for the mid-term break from Monday 25th to Friday 29th October. Children can wear Hallowe'en costumes on Friday 22nd if they wish.

Contact Details

Please ensure the school has the up to date contact numbers of parents/guardians/child minders so easy contact can be made in the event of a child becoming unwell in school and for text-a-parent purposes. Also, if anyone is having trouble accessing their Class Dojo account please let the class teacher know and they will make every effort to get things working properly.

Book Rental

Thanks to everyone who has paid the book rental fees. A reminder that for anyone yet to pay, you can do so at this link: <https://www.geashillns.ie/online-payments/>

Pupil 24 Hour Insurance

The personal accident insurance is also now due for payment. This is a 24hr cover for your children which covers accidents in the school or at home. The cost is €6. The first €100 of any claim, an A&E charge for example, will be covered. Claim forms will be available from the office. Once again, payment can be made at this link: <https://www.geashillns.ie/online-payments/>

Healthy Lunches

As usual, our Healthy Eating Days are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On these days we ask you and your children to pack healthy options for the lunch breaks. We would hope to see food such as crisps and chocolate kept as treats for Fridays. Fizzy drinks should not come to school any day. Some advice on healthy lunches can be found here:

<https://www.safefood.net/education/healthy-lunchb>



A reminder that if you wish to use this school lunch provider, download The Lunch Bag app and follow the instructions. You can order every day or just once a week, whatever works best for you. More information can be found at www.thelunchbag.ie.

Admissions to Junior Infants September 2022

The admissions process for the school year 2022/23 will begin on January 13th 2022. Application forms will be available online and from the office after Christmas. More information will be available on our website then also.

Confirmation and First Communion

Congratulations to last year's 6th Class and to the present 3rd Class who recently celebrated their Confirmation and First Communion respectively.

Parent Teacher Meetings

We plan to hold our parent teacher meetings towards the end of November. Teachers will be in touch with you after the mid-term break with more specific arrangements.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Over the last number of years we have taken part in the Team Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. This year, filled boxes can be returned after the mid-term break and are due to be collected on Monday, November 8th. Leaflets will be sent home in the coming days. More information can be found about this on www.teamhope.ie.



Christmas Cards

The children are currently designing their own Christmas cards. Samples will be sent home in November with the option to buy if you wish.

National Tree Day

We celebrated National Tree Day last week by taking part in some fun, tree related activities as well as planting some trees on the school grounds.



Student Council

We are currently in the process of setting up our first student council. It is a very positive step for our school and I know there is a lot of excitement among the pupils at the prospect of the upcoming class elections.

What does a Student Council do?

A Student Council is a representative structure for students, through which they can become involved in the affairs of the school, working in partnership with school management, staff and parents for the benefit of the school and the students.

The aim of the Student Council at primary level is to provide students with greater involvement in the decision making procedures of their school and to help them learn about how democracy works. Generally two children from each class are elected by secret ballot and are appointed as representatives for their class to the council for the duration of the school year.

Student Councils generally meet several times each term. These meetings will be facilitated by Ms. Fiona Walsh with council representatives collecting ideas and suggestions for the agenda from each class ahead of each meeting. Suggestions will be then discussed, prioritised and are brought to the attention of the school's principal and to staff meetings.

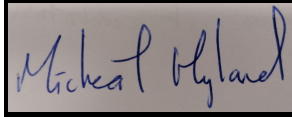
Well Done

Well done to all the girls and boys for settling back to school so quickly over the last few weeks. A special mention to our Junior Infants and to those new pupils who joined our school in other classes this year. I have been very impressed with the great work I have seen in all the classes. I have also been really delighted to see and hear about so many examples of friendship and kindness right throughout the school, both in class and on the yard. Helping each other and being friendly to each other are central to our school culture so well done and keep up the good work!

Wedding Bells

Best of luck to Mr. Galvin and Ms. Coleman, a teacher in Cloneygowan NS, who are getting married at the end of October. We wish them both a long and happy life together.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Micheál Hyland", enclosed in a black rectangular border.

Micheál Hyland
Principal