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Dear Parents,

Dates for your Diaries:

Monday 3rd June – school closed for Bank Holiday

Friday 14th June at 1pm – Open Day

Thursday 20th June – School Tours for all classes

Friday 21st June – School closes for the summer holidays at 12.30pm

Monday 2nd September - School re-opens after the summer holidays (Full 2019/20 calendar available on our website))

Class Allocation 2019/2020:

Junior Infants: Laura Galvin

Senior Infants and 1st Class: Aoife Walsh (Please note that Deirdre Bell will be teaching this class for the first two weeks in September)

2nd Class: Sorcha Mooney

3rd and 4th Classes: Colette Hyland

5th and 6th Classes: Micheál Hyland

Cairdeas 1: Kate Leonard

Cairdeas 2: Marie Kearns

Support Teachers: Patricia McGrath, Deirdre Bell and Fiona Walsh

Stay Safe and RSE:

Over the past couple of months all classes have been covering both the Stay Safe and the Relationship and Sexuality Education programmes as part of the SPHE curriculum.

What is Stay Safe?

The programme aims to give children the skills necessary to enable them to recognise and resist abuse/victimisation and teaches them that they should always tell an adult about any situation which they find unsafe, upsetting, threatening, dangerous or abusive.

You can find out more about the programme and the lessons taught in school at www.staysafe.ie. You can see the school's RSE Policy in the Parents' section of our website under policies.

It is important to speak to your children about the topics covered in these programmes and encourage them to talk to you about any issues that may arise.

Board of Management Meeting:

A meeting of the Board of Management took place on Tuesday 28th May. You can read a report of the meeting on our website.

VEX IQ Robot Challenge:

Offaly County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development provided funding under the Digital Innovation Programme to roll out this new digital initiative for 16 primary schools in Offaly. The aim is to expose students to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths (STEM) fundamentals within the context of building, coding and programming a robot using Vex IQ.

The students competed against 15 other schools from Offaly in the Vex IQ Offaly Championships on the 16th of May. After an evening of various challenges the Geashill team won the Coding and Programming 1st prize. This was a great achievement and well done to the pupils in 6th Class who along with Mrs. Bell worked very hard on the project over the last couple of months. Special thanks also to Offaly County Council for organising this event and for all their support throughout the process.

Green Flag:

We received our 6th Green Flag at a ceremony in Athlone last week. Well done to Ms. Galvin and Ms. Mooney who led our Green School Committee over the last couple of years. We will raise our flag at the Open Day.

School Tours:

As you know the school tours take place on June 20th. Please have all monies paid by Friday 14th June. The tour for Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st Class costs €15 while the tour for 2nd Class to 6th is €30.

And Finally:

As we approach the summer holidays I would like to thank everyone for all their support throughout the year. A special thanks to our Board of Management and Parents' Council for all their work for the good of the whole school community. Thanks also to all parents for your continued support. A special mention to all the school staff and of course to the wonderful children for their hard work during the year. I hope everyone enjoys their summer holidays and I especially wish the pupils in 6th Class all the very best in secondary school and in the years ahead.

Yours Sincerely,

Mícheál Hyland