

*Scoil Mhuire Lourdes*  
*Mill Street, Tullow, Carlow.*

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22.10.2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

♦ Reminder: School closed from Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> for the mid-term break. School reopens on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Please respect our opening times and ensure that **Junior to 2nd class come to school from 8.50-9am, and 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-9.10am.** Please send in your daughter with the oldest child and collect with the oldest child. Where possible have a meeting point away from the school site.

♦ Hallowe'en Spellathon: Our Hallowe'en fun day takes place on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.** The girls may come to school dressed up in their costume. Please leave magic wands, brooms etc at home. All the money collected will go towards activities for the children. A huge thank you to all those who have supported so generously so far!

♦ Parents Association AGM: Takes place on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November @ 8pm online.** All are welcome. The new Parents Association for the year 2020-2021 will be formulated at this meeting. Contact [parentsassociation@smtullow.ie](mailto:parentsassociation@smtullow.ie) for more info.

♦ Pupil of the Month: Every month in our school we pick one girl from each class to be crowned 'The Pupil of the Month'. This is a girl who has made an extra special effort in her class or in school. The winners will be pictured on the school website with their prize. [www.smtullow.ie](http://www.smtullow.ie)

♦ Christmas Show Box Appeal: Please visit the website <https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/> for more info. to take part this year at home.

♦ Christmas Cards: Your daughter may have told you that she was doing a Christmas Card in class recently even though it is October. We are involved in the 'Christmas Cards for Schools' initiative. In November each girl will be given a sample of the Christmas card that she made to take home. If parents/guardians so wish, packs of cards may be bought. A percentage of the charge goes to the school and the rest to the company who supply the cards.

♦ Covid 19: Please remember that entry to the school is by prior appointment only. No one will be admitted to the school unless wearing a mask. This is for your protection and that of staff. If you do not have a mask you will be asked to remain outside.

♦ Clothing Collection: Taking place on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3-5pm and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am.** More info of what we are collecting is on the school website or Parents Association Facebook page.

♦ Parent Teacher Meetings: Have been postponed until after the New Year. More details to follow when further advice has been issued by the DES. If you need to speak with a staff member, please call the school to arrange a phone call from the teacher.

♦ Deep Clean: Books and copies will be sent home over the coming days to allow for all baskets and rooms to be deep cleaned. Ensure to clean and sanitize all school equipment and **return on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

♦ Survey: Please take part in our survey on the school website so that we can continue to support teaching and learning in our school.

♦ Music Generation Update: Junior Infants-2<sup>nd</sup> have been working on beat, rhythm, speech and movement in their Thursday music sessions. Junior and Senior Infants have been working on 'Stormy Night' and 'Boiling Hot'. 2<sup>nd</sup> class are having lots of fun with name chants and the song 'Ms. Mary Mack'. 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> have been focusing on brain dances, tongue twisters and even a 'Hand Troll Jive' during their Tuesday music classes. Videos will be uploaded on the school website in the coming days so be sure to check them out!

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A sincere thank you to all the teachers, staff, parents and children in our school. The reopening of Scoil Mhuire Lourdes has gone better than we could ever have anticipated. And it is down to the dedication of staff, and the support from families. The teachers will be taking a well-deserved break so their emails **will not be checked** over the holidays. If anything arises please contact me using the school email [info@smltullow.ie](mailto:info@smltullow.ie) or [principal@smltullow.ie](mailto:principal@smltullow.ie). I will check these each morning. I wish you all a lovely, restful and peaceful break- see you all back to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Signed:

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Marie Coen (Principal)