

Scoil Náisiúnta Mhuire Lourdes

059/9151875

Mill Street, Tullow, Carlow.

29.04.2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

♦ Reminder: Our school will be **closed from the 3rd-7th May**. School will reopen on Monday 10th May 2021. Enjoy the week off and hopefully some sunshine!

♦ Art Appreciation Day: A day to appreciate 'The Arts' in our school will be held this year virtually. Due to Covid 19 it will not be the usual Art Appreciation day, but we are working hard behind the scenes to produce a compilation of art, music, drama and dance- watch this space!

♦ Book bills: There are still outstanding book bills in the school. **Books will not be bought for next year until this year's bill is paid.** If you wish to begin paying for next year's books you are welcome to do so by calling into the office.

♦ Reminder: If a child is being collected by someone other than a nominated adult, the school **must** be notified.

♦ Church Carpark: Many thanks to families for taking on board our request of not coming to the school site for drop off and collection. Please be mindful that if you are picking up/dropping off your daughter/(s) at the Church carpark of the surroundings. There is a large volume of children using it currently from both Tullow Girls and the surrounding schools. Lots of activity takes place in this carpark so **please park in the designated areas** and take care when entering or exiting for young children crossing.

♦ Standardised Testing: The Department of Education and Skills have issued notice to all schools that standardised testing **will take place this year**. I understand that these tests may bring with them some anxiety for children and families. **Standardised tests are a mere snapshot.** Your daughter(s) has been through one of the most challenging periods in our whole lifetime so please be mindful that results and scores do not tell the whole story. **Tests in English and Maths will take place during the week of the 17th May for the girls in 1st-6th class**, so please ensure your daughter is in school. Results will be issued in the end of year report in June.

♦ Enrolment: Applications for Admission to Junior Infants and other classes in Scoil Mhuire Lourdes for the 2021/2022 school year is still open. Please fill in the Application Form on the school website www.smltullow.ie under the 'Scoil Mhuire Lourdes Enrolment' section or contact the school for a copy.

♦ Communication with the school: If you wish to speak with the class teacher please contact the school on 0599151875 to make an appointment. Emails to staff will only be checked during school time and replied to during school time.

♦ School Calendar: Our calendar for the 2021/2022 school year is complete. Each family will receive a copy. School will reopen on Tuesday 31st August 2021. Please see overleaf. It is also available on the school website www.smltullow.ie.

♦ Our New Gardening Space: A sincere thank you to Coleman Porter and all those who worked on making a new space for the children to plant some tasty vegetables and beautiful flowers in the graveyard. Thank you for your hard work. We can't wait to use it!

Signed:

Marie Coen (Principal)