Dear Parents/Guardians,

♦*Welcome back!* We hope you all had a restful Mid-Term break and welcome you all back to school. A gentle reminder that COVID 19 is still very much with us, and in order to keep our school community safe we ask you to please **keep your daughter at home if she is unwell.**

***♦New uniforms:* Thank you to the PA and the kind donations of parents, who recently purchased some spare uniforms for the school. If your daughter needs a uniform or tracksuit, please contact the school to arrange an appointment. All requests will be kept in confidence.**

***♦Halloween Spellathon:* A huge thank you to all those who supported our annual Halloween Fundraiser. We raised a total of €3846.65 All monies raised will go towards activities for the children throughout the year. We were once again blown away by the generosity of families, and are very grateful for such a supportive school community.**

***♦Clothing Collection:* Thank you to all those in our school and the wider community for their support during our clothing collection last week, in particular the PA and our volunteers who helped pack all the bags into the van. We raised a total of €385.88.**

***♦Parents Association AGM:* Takes place on the 9th November in the school hall at 7pm. Please email** parentassocition@smltullow.ie **for more information. JJ Grace from SCP will be our guest speaker on the night. We welcome and encourage new members to the committee.**

***♦Student Council:* We wish every success to our new Student Council for 2021-2022 as they begin in their new role. We have held our first meeting already and it was a great success!**

***♦Hand washing/ ventilation:* If you wish for your daughter to bring in her own hand wash and towel she is welcome to do so. Please be mindful of the cold Winter months and ensure that your daughter wears extra clothes to school and has a coat every day.**

***♦Jiu Jitsu with Keith*: We welcome Keith Jordan who will be doing Jiu Jitsu with all classes on Wednesdays for November. Please remember to wear your tracksuit and runners during November every Wednesday.**

***♦Footwear and head lice:* Black foot wear only please on uniform days. Hair must be tied up at school every day.**

***♦St. Vincent De Paul Sale:* Will take place on December 15th. The children are allowed to wear in their Christmas jumper on the day for €2. Please give this to teacher next week. There is lots of fun in store on the day. Be sure to bring your money to buy some crafts and take part in the activities 6th class have planned for you. Guess the name of the Reindeer and Create your own Christmas Jumper next week for 50c. See** [www.smltullow.ie](http://www.smltullow.ie) **for more info and what is available to buy/ take part in.**

***♦ Parent/ Teacher Meetings:* Will take place at the end of the month (week of the 22nd November 2021). We will be offering a phone call to families to update you on your child’s progress again this year. More details to follow.**

*♦ Christmas Show Box Appeal*: Please visit the website <https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/> for more info. to take part this year. Boxes must be returned to the school before Friday 5th November.

***♦Christmas Cards:* Each year the children often distribute Christmas cards to those in their class. Unfortunately, this year we are asking that the children do not bring cards to school to distribute. This includes invitations to birthdays and events or cakes etc for sharing within the class. Instead the children will be wishing a special Christmas sentiment as a bubble to all those in their class.**

♦*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.

♦*Note for absence:* These are essential in the event that your child is absent from school for any reason. They may be examined by Túsla in the event that your child has an accumulated absence. **Please send in a note to the teacher or call the school if your daughter is not in.**

*♦ Survey:* We are asking families to take part in a **short survey** to help our school focus on our area of improvement for this year. A link will be sent to you email and mobile phone. Please complete the online google survey.

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Marie Coen (Principal)