

Scoil Náisiúnta Mhuire Lourdes

059/9151875

Mill Street, Tullow, Carlow.

23.01.2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back everyone. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

◆ **Enrolment:** Applications for enrolment are taking place at the moment. Forms are available on www.smltullow.ie under 'Scoil Mhuire Lourdes Enrolment' tab or by request from the school. Please email the school to request a hard copy info@smltullow.ie. Completed forms must be posted or emailed to the school. Closing date is the 26th January 2023.

◆ **Catholic Schools Week:** Takes place from the 22nd-29th January 2023. This year the theme is 'Walking Together in Faith and Love'. As we look forward to and begin our preparations for celebrating CSW2023, it is important for each of us to remember those who have gone before us in the hope of the resurrection promised by Jesus.

◆ **Grandparents Day Mass:** A special Mass to remember and celebrate our grandparents will take place on Wednesday 25th January @ 9.30am in the Church. You are invited back to our school for some tea, treats and a chat after Mass. We would love to welcome you!

◆ **Invitations:** It is school policy that birthday or party invitations are not given out in the classroom to reduce distress caused to individual children who are not invited. Staff members cannot be involved in the circulation of such invitations, nor are they able to provide a listing of names and contact details of other pupils in the class (in keeping with our school's policy on Data Protection).

◆ **Absence:** If your daughter is absent please call the school on 0599151875, email info@smltullow.ie or via the Aladdin feature to let us know. We must have a record of attendance and absence for all pupils.

◆ **GDPR:** If you wish to opt out of receiving correspondence from the school you are free to do so at any time by emailing your request to info@smltullow.ie

◆ **Standardised Testing:** Will take place during the week of the 15th May-19th May 2022. Please ensure your daughter is in school to complete her tests during this week.

◆ **School Closure:** Reminder: School will be closed for the mid-term break 16th and 17th February 2023. Schools reopens on Monday 20th February. We are also closed on Monday 6th February for the Bank Holiday.

◆ **Activities:** The girls from the Junior School have GAA on Tuesdays until the 7th February, with the Senior school having GAA from 14th February-7th March. 5th class are completing Cycle Right Training every Monday until the 20th February. 6th class are taking part in Tag rugby with John Manifold on Mondays until the 20th February. Please wear your tracksuit on these days and bring extra water if needed. It is busy once again this term and be sure to tick the permission slip on Aladdin for your daughter to take part in GAA/ rugby!

◆ **School Lunches:** A reminder to bring in your empty Sistema lunch box each day to school. If you need to change the menu, please login using you Fresh Today login details that were provided at the beginning of the school year.

◆ **Reminder: PLEASE** do not park/ drop off your daughter at the bus stop at any time. This space is for the **bus only and is not for cars.** The traffic on Mill Street each morning/ afternoon is very busy so we strongly encourage you not to park your car at the front of the school in a bid to alleviate traffic congestion. The safety of pupils is vital and we ask for your co-operation with this.

Signed:

Marie Coen
Principal