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Scoil Mhuire Lourdes
Mill Street, Tullow, Carlow.

15.06.2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

◆ Active Schools Week: Takes place from the 19th-23rd June. There are lots of activities planned for the week. Please wear the school tracksuit and runners to take part in all the activities planned.

◆ Art Appreciation: A sincere thank you to Ali Beehan- Lee and Ann Minchin for all the work they put into our annual Art Appreciation Day. A total of €258 was raised. Well done to all the children for their work- there are lots of videos online if you didn't get to share the day with us!

◆ School Disco: Will take place on the 21st June in the school. The **junior school are invited in from 6-6.45pm** and the **senior school are invited to come to the disco from 7-8pm**. €2 entry fee for each child. Don't forget your water bottle. See you there!

◆ Accelerated Reader (AR)Party: Well done to those from 3rd-6th class who reached their AR target recently. There has been a huge effort made by the children which will be acknowledged on the 17th June at our 'Pyjama Karoke' themed party. **For those who have successfully reached their target** they are invited to wear in their pyjamas to school/ bring them into school (whichever they wish) for the day to celebrate.

◆ Graduation: The ceremony will take place for the 6th class children and their families on the **22nd June @ 7pm** in the school. There will be refreshments afterwards in Room 3.

◆ 6th class: We wish all the girls in 6th class every luck and success as they begin the next chapter in their lives. The **6th class ladies will finish school on Tuesday, 27th June @ 2.40pm**.

◆ Reminder: **School will close on Wednesday the 28th June** for all classes (Junior-5th class) at 12noon for the Summer holidays.

◆ School Resource Contribution 2023-2024: Please use the Aladdin payment link sent to your phone or call into the office to pay using cash for the school resources contribution. It is a fee of €50 per child this year, with €30 of this being used for Music Generation. Please see letter sent for more info.

◆ Changes to details: Can you please let Fiona know if there will be any changes over the Summer to your home address or phone numbers to ensure that correspondence will be received if necessary.

◆ Uniform: A reminder if you are purchasing uniforms for next year that the school uniform is: A green pinafore/skirt or grey trousers, a white shirt, green jumper and black footwear with green or white socks. The school tracksuit is navy with a white t-shirt and runners.

◆ Communication over the Summer: Staff will be taking a well-deserved break over the Summer so if you need to make contact with the school please email info@smtullow.ie.

◆ Thanks: Thank you to everyone in our school community for your continued support throughout 2022/2023. I wish you all a very happy and enjoyable Summer filled with sunshine and fun. See you all on the 30th August

Signed:

Marie Coen (Principal)

◆ *Farewell:* It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Ms. Kennedy from SML. Rebecca has been a teacher in our school for the past 5 years and had many classes in that time. We wish her every success, health and happiness as she begins the next chapter. We also say goodbye for now to Ms. Lisa Carroll who was a wonderful addition to our staff this year. We wish her all the best as the school year draws to a close and every success next year!

◆ *Retirement:* It is not often that schools are afforded the opportunity to have teachers who leave such a lasting and profound impression on a school or those in it. However, for the past 39 years Tullow and education in general have been lucky enough to have Mrs. Garahy play a leading role on their team. From the pitch to the stage, the classroom to the staffroom, she has shown her talents and creativity. Juliana has been an avid supporter of SML not only as a teacher, but also on the middle management team, and more recently as acting deputy principal. She always wants the best for her girls, and will stop at nothing to ensure that no child is left behind.

With a heavy heart the school will see her retire on the 28th June and begin the next chapter in her life. We wish her and her family every success, health and true happiness. We will miss you Mrs. Garahy- the door is always open to pop back in to check up on us all, just be sure to bring the biscuits!

Teaching Staff for 2023-2024

Junior Infants (Room 4): Ms. Tracey Quiney

Senior Infants (Room 5): Ms. Aisling Madden

First Class (St. Brigid's): Ms. Marianne Cullen

Second Class (St. Brigid's Building): Ms. Stacey Brooks

Third Class (Room 3): Ms. Eilis Eagers

Fourth Class (Room 1): Mr. Adam Kavanagh (currently Ms. Coogan's class)

Fourth Class (Room 2): Ms. Eileen Dillon and Ms. Suzanne Conway (job share- currently Ms. Kennedy's class)

Fifth Class (Room 8): Ms. Ann Marie Wall

Sixth Class (Room 6): Ms. Rachel Archbold (currently Ms. O' Briens class)

Sixth Class (Room 7): Ms. Fiona Coogan (currently Ms. Carroll's class)

Special Education Teacher: Ms. Marion O' Toole

Special Education Teacher: Ms. Delia Ryan

Special Education Teacher: Ms. Aine Nolan

EAL Teacher: To be announced Special Needs Assistant: Ms. Regina Canavan

All of the above teachers are subject to change in their class positioning. Any changes/updates to staff will be communicated to you in advance.