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Dear Parents/Guardians,

<u>♦ Halloween Spellathon</u>: A huge thank you to all those who supported our annual Halloween Fundraiser. We raised a total of €3072.10. 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.

<u> \diamond Clothing Collection</u>: 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 \notin 372.60

◆*Student Council:* We wish every success to our new Student Council for 2023-2024 as they begin in their new role. We have held our first meeting already and it was a great success!

◆*Jiu-Jitsu with Keith*: We say a special thank you to Keith Jordan who is doing 4 weeks of Jiu Jitsu classes with the girls-it is great fun! Don't forget to wear your tracksuit each Wednesday to take part.

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

◆*School Disco:* Takes place on Thursday 30th Nov from 6-6.45pm for Junior Infants to 2nd class and 7-8pm for 3rd-6th class. €2 entry. See you all there!

♦<u>St. Vincent De Paul Sale:</u> Will take place on **December 13th**. 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 (and a shopping bag) to buy some crafts, toys, treats and to take part in the activities 6th class have planned for you. On the lead up to the sale there will be weekly competitions on offer if your daughter would like to bring in small change (50c) to take part.

♦<u>*Christmas Holidays:*</u> Please remember that school will close on Friday 22nd December at 12 noon for everyone for the Christmas holidays. School will reopen on the 8th January.

◆*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.

 \bullet <u>Note for absence</u>: 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 update** Aladdin with a reason for absence or send in a note to the teacher or call the school if your daughter is not in.

◆*Traffic:* Please <u>do not park your car or stop to drop off your daughter at the bus stop</u> outside the school gate. This area is particularly busy in the morning and your support is vital in order to ensure that children both come and go to school safely each morning. This area is for the bus only.

◆ *Enrolment for the 23/24:* Will open on the 8th January for families for all classes. You can download a form from the school website under the 'Enrolment' tab or call to the school office to collect a hard copy.

◆ *Coffee Morning:* Will take place on the 28th Nov @m 9am in SML. David Doyle will be on hand cooking up some Christmas Light Bites and giving a cookery demo. All welcome.

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◆ *New Board of Management:* A sincere thank you to our outgoing BOM for all the work they do behind the scenes to make sure SML is a wonderful school. We thank them for their years of service and dedication, and wish the incoming BOM every blessing.

Board of Management 2023-2027

Patron Nominee and Chairperson: Mr. Michéal Doyle Patron Nominee: Ms. Majella Guinan Parent Nominee: Ms. Lesley Anne Hogan Parent Nominee: Mr. Frank Wallace Community Nominee: Ms. Aoife Thornton Community Nominee: Ms. Jacinta O' Toole Teacher Nominee: Ms. Delia Ryan Principal/Secretary to the BOM: Ms. Marie Coen

Signed:

Marie Coen (Principal)

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◆*Christmas Carol Service:*

