

Dear Parents/Guardians,

◆ **Student Absence:** When a pupil is absent for 20 days or more, we are obliged to report this to Túsla – the Child and Family Agency. In recent years, parents have begun to withdraw children from school well in advance of school closing for summer holidays. If you intend taking your child out of school for any period of time this must be stated **in advance in writing**. If your **child is not in school a note to explain her absence must be provided to the school.**

◆ **Lent:** Thank you to everyone who purchased a chick this year. We raised €50 for charity.

◆ **Confirmation:** Will be taking place on the **27th April at 11am and 2pm** for the 6th class pupils. More details can be sourced from the Parish Centre.

◆ **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Will take place for the **2nd class pupils on the 10th April @ 7.30pm**. More details to follow from the Parish Centre.

◆ **School Closure:** The school will close at **12noon on the 22nd March for the Easter holidays**. It will remain closed for the Easter holidays from **25th March to the 5th April(inclusive)**. School will reopen on Monday 8th April.

◆ **Primary Maths Curriculum/ New Primary Curriculum:** To facilitate training for staff, the school will be closed on **Friday 12th April for all pupils**.

◆ **Book Fair:** We had a wonderful day at our Scholastic book fair recently where the children got to browse and buy some books. Thank you to Ms. Ryan and the volunteers from the PA for taking the time to organise this event for the children. We are looking forward to another next year already!

◆ **World Book Day:** Well done to all the girls on the efforts made to celebrate World Book Day. We had great fun here in the school!

◆ **Carlow County Athletics:** Good luck to the girls representing SML from 5th and 6th class on the 19th March in SETU Carlow in relay racing. We wish you every success.

◆ **‘Crackin’ Competition’:** **All classes are invited to take part in this ‘Crackin’ Competition’.** You can enter one or all of the categories if you wish. There will be 3 prizes in each class, one for each category. Winners will be announced on Friday 12th April.

Categories:

Category 1: Create an Easter Bonnet using materials in your home (bonus points if they are recyclable)

Category 2: Write a creative Easter story or poem

Each entry costs 50c

Don't forget, the more categories you enter the better chance you have of winning!

◆ **Drama with Keelin:** Will be taking place every Wednesday, starting the 10th April until the 19th June for all pupils.

◆ **Art Appreciation day:** Will be taking place **May 14th for the Senior School and May 16th for the Junior School**. It is a day to celebrate the arts through fun games in drama, singing and visual art. More details to follow nearer to the event but please keep the date free!



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◆ ***School Lotto:*** All the details can be found on the school website or using the link sent to your email. Check out www.smltullow.ie for more information on how to sign up. Phase 1 of our new school playground will be installed over the Summer months and that is all thanks to your support with our lotto. We have a long way to go, but your contribution really helps so please spread the word far and wide to sign up. Take a look at what will be waiting for the girls when they return in September 2024!



◆ ***Old Uniforms / School items for Sale:*** A sale will take place in the school hall on the **29th June** to include old, and some new school uniforms and items such as bags/ pencil cases/ shoes etc. If you have any old uniforms/ school items at home that you would like to **donate to the sale, please send them in during the week of the 21st June.** This will be a wonderful opportunity to nab a bargain before September 2024 as some items are new and have never been worn. All monies raised will go towards the school. More details to follow nearer to the event!

Signed:

Marie Coen (Principal)