Dear Parents/Guardians,

♦ *Reminder:* School **closed from Friday October 25th- 3rd November for the mid-term break (normal school time).** School **reopens on Monday 4th** November at 8.50am.

**♦** *Hallowe’en Spellathon:* Our Hallowe’en fun day took place on **Friday 25th October.** The girls came to school dressed up in their costumes and all made a huge effort. All the money collected will go towards activities for the children. A huge thank you to all those who have supported so generously so far- all the money raised goes towards activities for girls in the school.

***♦Parents Association AGM:* Takes placeon 11th November @ 7pm in the school hall. All** are welcome. The new Parents Association for the year 2024-2025 will be formulated at this meeting. Contact parentsassociation@smltullow.ie for more info.

***♦ Christmas Shoe Box Appeal*: Please see the leaflet sent home with your child to take part or visit the website** <https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/> **for more info. Shoeboxes will be collected on the Monday 4th November. Return completed shoeboxes to the school by this date.**

***♦Christmas Cards:* Your daughter may have told you that she was doing a Christmas Card in class recently even though it is October. We are involved in the ‘Christmas Cards for Schools’ initiative. In November each girl will be given a sample of the Christmas card that she made to take home. If parents/guardians so wish, packs of cards may be bought. A percentage of the charge goes to the school and the rest to the company who supply the cards.**

***♦Parent Teacher Meetings:* Will take place on the 19th & 21st of November. You will be given the option to visit the teacher and support teacher face to face or have a call over the phone. More details to follow.**

***♦Athletics:* Begins for all classes during school time on the 13th November- 11th December (Wednesdays). Please ensure to wear your tracksuit and runners on these days.**

***♦ Junior Infant Families:* Thank you to those who attended the Junior Infant Jolly Phonics meetings on Monday 21st & 22nd**

*♦School Lotto:* Don’t forget to sign up to our 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](http://www.smltullow.ie) for more information on how to sign up.

***♦ Well done:* To our football team who did so well in the Cumann na mBunscol tournament. Thanks to all the volunteers who came to the games and to Ger O’ Shea and Ms Quiney who trained them. We will be celebrating the team with a pizza party sponsored by Flynn’s when we return in November.**

***♦Approach to a query/ difficulty complaint:* There is a procedure which was agreed by our Management body, CPSMA and INTO to deal with complaints and/ or difficulties. We ask that you follow the protocols laid down**

1. **Make an appointment to meet/speak with the class teacher**
2. **If unsolved, make an appointment to meet/speak with the Principal**
3. **If unsolved, make an appointment to meet the Chairperson of the Board of Management**
4. **If unsolved, the process moves to a more formal level and the complaint must be made in writing.**

***♦Clothing Collection:* From 1:40pm to 3:30pm Friday 25th of October and 10am – 12pm Saturday 26th of October. We are grateful for any clothing donations you may have and thank you for your continued support.**

***♦Minister’s Visit:* Minister Hildegard Naughton the minister for Special Education and Equality along with Catherine O’ Callaghan and Jennifer Murnane O’Connor attended the school to hear our concerns regarding our school building and the non-existent special education provision in Tullow primary schools. They also got to meet our wonderful students and some of our newly elected Student Council members. The students and their talents shone brightly during the course of the visit and we hope that our continuous effort to improve our schools for the whole community of Tullow will become a topic of great importance among the politicians who visited us here on Thursday.**

Signed:

Delia Ryan (Acting Principal)