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**22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2018**

Dear Parents,

**Garda Vetting Requirements:** Thank you to the parents who sent in their completed Garda application vetting forms. I would ask that any other parent who still wishes to be involved in any future school activity with the children e.g. school tour, to return his/her vetting form as soon as possible.

As per statutory requirements of the 'Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017', Garda vetting is **compulsory** for any person, who may be in contact with the children in our care, when assisting, in a parental capacity, in any school activity.



**February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018**

**Road Safety Authority:** A representative of the Road Safety Authority will visit the school tomorrow, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, to deliver a programme aimed at promoting an understanding of road safety. A workshop will be carried out in each classroom and will be tailored in an age appropriate way to focus on road safety issues relevant to the community in which children live.



**February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018**

**Half-Day School Closure:** St. Comgall's N.S. will close at 12pm tomorrow, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, to allow teachers to engage with the online material on the new changes that schools have to implement in the new Child Protection Procedures 2017.



**From February 26<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**The Stay Safe Programme:** Beginning next week and continuing until Easter, we will teach the personal safety education programme, Stay Safe, to pupils in all classes. I would ask parents to read the attached parent letter which clearly outlines the programme's objectives. The programme has been updated and lessons may be viewed online on [www.staysafe.ie/teachers/resources.htm](http://www.staysafe.ie/teachers/resources.htm)



**February 27<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**First Confession:** A reminder that at 7:30pm, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>, *First Confession* for our second class pupils, Seán, Noah, Liam and Eoghan, will take place with all First Holy Communion pupils from Clones parish schools in the Sacred Heart Church, Clones.



**March 1st 2018**

**World Book Day:** To celebrate *World Book Day 2018*, we will once again host 'Pyjama Day' in the school. Pupils are invited to bring in their pyjamas, cuddly toys and favourite books to share with each other and also a buddy system will be set up whereby senior pupils will be encouraged to read stories to the younger classes. The main aim will be to encourage children to explore the pleasure of books and reading by providing them with an opportunity to have a book of their own and to share books with other.



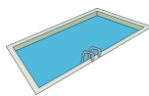
### March 14<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Dráma:** On Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March the Garage Theatre will host a day of 'Dráma' for local primary schools. We see this as an opportunity to promote our native language and to teach pupils not only how to speak clearly, loudly and with confidence, but also to teach many other communication skills as well. Therefore, our senior pupils will participate in this event. Parents will be informed of further arrangements nearer the date.



### March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018

**Pádraig's Retirement:** In recognition of the fantastic job that our former bus driver, Pádraig, carried out in providing a loyal, reliable and safe school bus service to the school, we are holding a retirement celebration for him in the school on the morning of Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March. We envisage hosting activities involving the children, holding presentations and then sharing in a food event thereafter. We welcome all our parents, extended families and community neighbours to this event and will be in contact with parent in due course to confirm numbers. Looking forward to seeing you there and enjoying a wonderful occasion.



### April 9<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Swimming:** Swimming lessons for all pupils will commence on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018, for a six-week period. I would be grateful if parents would continue to prepare children for these lessons with regard to looking after themselves and their swimming bag on exiting the pool.



### April 12<sup>th</sup> 2018

**FAI Soccer Blitz:** A soccer blitz, organised by the FAI, will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at the pitch of Monaghan Utd FC, Gortakeegan, Monaghan. Our school team will include the boys in 5<sup>th</sup> class, with the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> class boys acting in substitute positions. Our senior girls will attend as loyal supporters. A letter with further details will be sent out at a later date.

Catriona Donnelly (Principal)