



Dear Parents and Guardians,

October 23rd 2024

School Mobile Phone

We use our school mobile (0833894994) primarily when classes are on educational outings, sports and arts activities etc. We want to make sure we have every parent on its contacts so could you please send a text to it **with your name and your oldest child's (in our school) name** and we can add your number.

Closures

Next week – from **Monday October 28th to Friday November 1st** – is half term and the school is closed. As already notified the school will be closed tomorrow Thursday as there is no electricity. There is no school on **Friday November 22nd** for staff in-service and in addition school will be closed on **Thursday November 21st**, the previous day, for staff in-service.

Halloween

As Halloween approaches, we are excited to offer pupils the opportunity to celebrate by dressing up in costumes on Friday October 25th. On this occasion, the 'no-uniform day' is not a fundraiser as our Parents' Association is holding the Halloween disco to raise money for our school. We encourage creative and fun costumes, but we also want to ensure that the school environment remains safe and appropriate for all pupils.

With that in mind, we kindly ask that you please ensure costumes are **age-appropriate** and suitable for a primary school setting. **Costumes with adult themes, inappropriate language, references to violence, horror or other mature content, or which are revealing are not permitted.** We encourage students to celebrate diversity and creativity respectfully. It is important that costumes are comfortable for your child and do not obstruct movement or vision as they wear it throughout the day.

Our goal is to create a fun and inclusive atmosphere for all pupils to enjoy the day. Teachers will provide time for children to share their costumes during class and other appropriate moments throughout the day. We appreciate your cooperation in making this a positive experience for everyone so that we continue to dress up for Halloween for years to come. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Parents' Association Children's Disco

The Parents' Association Halloween fancy dress disco is taking place the coming Friday October 25th in the Ballybay parish hall, admission €5. Junior Infants to 2nd Class will attend from 7PM to 8PM and 3rd to 6th Classes from 8:15PM to 9:30PM. All children must be accompanied by a parent or nominated adult who will stay at the disco. Sweets and drinks will be available for purchase.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on the evenings of **November 19th and 20th from 3:00**. To facilitate this the school will close at 2:45 on those evenings. They will be organised so that parents/guardians who have more than one child in the school can see all teachers on the same evening. Further details after half term.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur and staff.