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SCHOOL CLOSURES

Closures for the remainder of this school year are as follows:

Friday 25 th May:	Polling Day
Monday 4 th June:	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 th June:	Vacation Day
Thursday 28 th June:	School closes@ 12.30 Summer Holidays

SCHOOL TOURS

The junior classes travel to Graune Pet Farm for their school tour on Friday 8th June and the senior classes will travel to Lough Key Forest Park on Monday 18th June. The clothing collection held in March brought in almost €400 which works out at €5 per child. Accordingly, the total cost per child of each school tour is as follows:

Junior Tour (inc. bus and lunch): €18

Senior Tour (inc. bus and lunch): €35

OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES

School starts in the morning at 9.20 and finishes, at 2pm for infants and 3pm for 1st-6th classes.

The school is open at 9.10am to receive children in the morning. The Board of Management accepts no responsibility for children before 9.10am, whether or not there are staff present in the school building.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children in 2nd class (Emily, Eve, Hazel, Katie, Keedah, Fionn and Ryan) who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday May 12th.

Many thanks to their teacher Ms. Tuohy, to Fr. Fergus, Nora Colleran and to parents who helped with preparations for the sacrament.

Thanks also to the Parent's Association for the Annual First Communion party held in the Resource Centre. As part of their preparation to receive the sacrament, the children went on retreat to Knock on Thursday 3rd May. Thanks to the Parents Association who covered the cost of the bus to Knock on that day.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Ciara Brennan, 6th class, who was a recent winner in the Pioneer Essay Competition.

The boys from our school competed in the Cumann na mBunscol Football Championships last week. While we didn't progress to the next round the team acquitted themselves well and can be proud of their performance.

GRADUATION

The children of 6th class will graduate from Mayo Abbey N.S. on Friday June 22nd. *This date is provisional* at the moment and may be subject to change. All parents/families/members of community are invited to attend our graduation celebrations. On that day we will have a graduation mass in the church, the planting of the class tree and small party in the school for the children and whole school community.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

There was a Board of Management meeting on Tuesday 8th May. There is an agreed report from this meeting posted on the Parents Noticeboard in the school porch for your attention.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Due to current Child Protection Procedures, Garda Vetting requirements and Insurance issues, it is no longer possible to use parent volunteers to transport children in their cars to school related events/activities. From now on we will have to use private buses to travel to and from such events. Parents are of course free to make arrangements amongst themselves to carry other children in their own cars. However, that would be a completely private matter and the school cannot accept responsibility should anything happen to the children in question.

Many thanks to all parents who have given their time and have helped out so willingly in the past.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Thanks to everyone who has paid the voluntary family contribution this year. This money is needed for the day to day running of the school as Department grants do not cover the full cost of basics such as electricity, oil, insurance etc.

Receipts have been issued for this payment. If you have not received a receipt, please call the school and a receipt will be issued to you.

WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

It is great to see so many children walking and striding to and from school. Children have been reminded at school to observe the rules of the road at all times, especially when crossing the road. It is important to regularly remind your children at home about the rules of the road. For their own safety children are also asked not to climb/walk on walls or through shrub beds on their way home.

A copy of this newsletter is available on the school website.