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Clothing Collection

School Tours will be taking place in June.

To try and offset the cost of these tours we will be having a **used clothing collection** this month (this includes clothing, bedding, shoes, towels, curtains etc.)

Bags of clothing can be dropped off at the school any day on or before the **16th March**.

All money raised from the clothing collection will be allocated to the tour fund and this will reduce the cost of the tour for each child.

Voluntary Contribution

Voluntary Contribution of €50 per family is now due. This money goes towards making up the shortfall in school as grant aid given to the school by the Department of Education is not sufficient to cover basic costs (e.g. Electricity/heating/insurance etc.). Thanks to all who have contributed so far.

Parking

A reminder to all to observe the following points to alleviate traffic congestion at pick up times at the school:

When you enter the roundabout please go to the furthest space available so that all spaces on the roundabout are utilised.

If you need to come into the school or need to speak a member of staff, please park in the staff parking area.

Do not overtake when entering or leaving school grounds. Please move along with the flow of traffic until you reach the roundabout.

Traffic exiting the school grounds must stop at the white line outside the school gates and give way to traffic entering the school grounds or GAA grounds.

Please be aware that if overtaking on the road leading from the main road to the school there may be traffic exiting the school or GAA grounds on that side of the road.

Agreed Report

Following a Board of Management Meeting on 31st January an agreed report has been published and is available to read on the Parents Noticeboard in the school porch.

Head lice

Unfortunately, we have had an unusually high incidence of head lice this school year. It is important that children's hair is checked regularly every week even when clear.

New child protection procedures

Updated Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017 have been developed following extensive consultation with the education partners and take account of the new statutory obligations under the Children First Act, 2015 and the recently updated Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children. The protection and welfare of children must continue be of paramount importance for every school. The purpose of these procedures is to give clear direction and guidance to school management and school personnel in relation to meeting the new statutory obligations under the Children First Act, 2015 and in the continued implementation within the school setting of the best practice guidance set out in the updated Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children.

Schools will be permitted to close for 1 day to allow time, as a school community, to engage with the revised procedures and to access the support available.

In line with this **Mayo Abbey N.S. will close on Monday 5th March.**

School Closures 2nd Term

Thursday 22nd February:

Monday 5th March:

Monday 19th March:

Wednesday 21st March:

Monday 26 March – Friday 6th April inclusive:

Confirmation

Child Protection In-service

Bank Holiday

New Language In-service

Easter Holidays

Extra-Curricular Activities.

The Cumann na mBunscol Sport Quiz took place in January and Mayo Abbey N.S. was represented by James, Oran, Ciara and Matthew. Congratulations to the team who finished in 3rd position on the night.

Well done also to the two teams from our school who took part in the Credit Union Quiz in January. We were very well represented by Ciara, Aoife, Kellie and Matthew on the Senior Team and by Hailey, Maeve, Aaron and Dara on the Junior Team.

Sacraments:

The Children in 5th and 6th classes will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday next Feb. 22nd. we wish the children in 5th/6th classes (Lisa, Ciara, Aoife, Kellie, Matthew, Mark, Aaron, Ciarán, Colin, Andrew, Dillon and Casey) every blessing as they prepare for this very special occasion.

A copy of this newsletter is available on the school website: www.mayoabbeyns.com