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CLOTHING COLLECTION

We are hoping to be able to have a school tour this year (Covid/Restrictions permitting).

To try and offset the cost of these tours we will be having a **used clothing collection** in March (this includes clothing, bedding, shoes, towels, curtains etc. Soft toys are also accepted.) Duvets, pillows or cushions not taken.

Bags of clothing can be dropped off at the school any day on or before the **25th 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.). This voluntary contribution is very important in the running of the school.

NEW ASTRO TURF PITCH

As you know, we are currently, in conjunction with the Mayo Gaels GAA Club, working towards the development of an Astro Turf pitch on the school grounds. We have applied to Mayo Co.Co. for planning permission and await their decision. You may have seen the notice on the wall at the school gate. We will keep you updated as events occur regarding this development.

A big **Thank You** to everyone who contributed to the scrap metal collection in November.

SCHOOL CLOSURES 2ND/3RD TERM

Below are the school closures for the rest of this school year. **Please note change of date for beginning of Summer Holidays**. This is as a result of the extra Bank Holiday in March this year.

The Dept. of Education has also informed us this week of an **extra half day to be taken this term** for teacher training in the Primary Language Curriculum. This half day is listed below on Friday April 1st.

February 24 th /25 th :	Mid-Term Break
March 17 th /18 th :	Bank Holidays
Friday 1 st April:	School closes 12.30 (staff training)
Friday 8 th April:	School closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 25 th April:	School re-opens
Monday 2 nd May:	Bank Holiday
Monday 6 th June:	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th June:	Vacation Day
Thursday 16 th June:	School closes 12.30 (staff meeting)
Friday 24th June:	School closes 12.30 for Summer Holidays!

SWIMMING

Swimming lessons for children (1st – 6th classes) will commence next week on Monday 28th February for 5th/6th classes, Wednesday 2nd March for 3rd/4th classes and on Thursday 3rd March for 1st/2nd classes. Swimming lessons take place in Castlebar and will continue for 6 weeks. The cost of swimming is €9 per child. This covers the bus and lessons.

CONFIRMATION/COMMUNION

The children in 5th and 6th classes will receive the sacrament of Confirmation in Mayo Abbey on Saturday 12th March 2022 at 11am.

The children in 2nd Class will receive their First Holy Communion in Mayo Abbey on Saturday 14th May at 2pm.

We wish these children, along with their parents and teachers, every blessing as they prepare for these special occasions.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Rugby: Children are currently receiving some training sessions in rugby thanks to Connaught rugby.
- Readathon: Thank you to all who took part in “Readathon” during the first term. Due to Covid restrictions all sponsorship took place online.

AGREED REPORT

A Board of Management Meeting was held on 17th February. The agreed report from this meeting is contained in the information in this newsletter. It is also available to read on the Parents Noticeboard in the school porch.

COVID 19

Thank you all for your continued co-operation in following the COVID 19 Guidelines.

We are aware that changes are coming with regard to these guidelines and all information will be passed on as soon as it becomes available to us from the Department of Education.

We ask that you remain vigilant and monitor your children for any symptoms of COVID 19. Children **must** remain at home if they display any of the COVID symptoms:

- Fever or high temperature(above 38C/100.4F) or feeling feverish or have chills
- Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Runny nose, nasal or sinus congestion or sore throat
- Loss of, or change in, sense of taste or smell
- Headaches
- Aches and pains or tiredness
- Nausea or vomiting or diarrhoea

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Many thanks to the Parents Association Committee who organised and ran our Christmas raffle this year. This was our first venture into an online fundraising event and it was a huge success. Thanks to all of you parents, and your families, who donated prizes and took part in the raffle...your continued support is vital for the school and very much appreciated by everybody.

A special thanks goes to our secretary, Goretti, who looked after the “online” side of things! Profit from the raffle was €3650.

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