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St. Enda's National School

Dear Parents,

I would like to update you on the following:

- **Attendance**

We would like to remind parents it is of vital importance that your child attends school as regularly as possible. When a child has been absent for 20 days, the school is required to pass this information on to the National Educational Welfare Board. An Educational Welfare Officer may therefore be in contact with you to discuss the matter further should your child reach 20 days of absence. Your child will receive a letter alerting you of their attendance if over 15 days.

- **Supervision**

We are open to receive pupils at 9.10 a.m. We take responsibility for pupils at this time when we collect the pupils from their line. The Board of Management asks that parents wait and supervise their children until the school bell rings at 9.10 a.m. as parents remain responsible for their children until this time.

Children using the bus are **not permitted** to visit the shop. Please ensure your child has his/her lunch and other requirements before their arrival to school.

- **Catholic Schools' Week Sunday 26th January— 2nd February**

Catholic Schools week will take place from 26th January – 2nd February. The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is: Living in Harmony with God's Creation. This programme invites Catholic schools to reflect on and celebrate the relationship that exists between home, school, parish & the world. All classes will be making a special effort to show that we want to live like Jesus and share His love. During Catholic Schools' Week pupils will engage in a number of activities i.e. making St. Brigid's crosses, studying the work of saints and offering prayers for their friends and family. Children will be making extra crosses to give as a gift—which will be left in Lisdoonvarna church for mass at 10am on Friday 31st Jan.

- **St. Bridget's Crosses**

Pupils are asked to bring in rushes from Monday—Wednesday next week. Pupils will be making crosses on Wednesday, 29th January.

- **Harry Potter Themed Library Event!**

Pupils in 5th & 6th class will be participating in a Harry Potter inspired event at our school hosted by Lisdoonvarna Library on Thursday, 30th January. Emer reminds us that there is magic to be found in our local library and encourages families to visit the wonderful library we have on our doorstep. Books borrowed can be used in connection with the Accelerated Reading Programme which we are operating in our school from 3rd—6th class.

- **Credit Union Quiz**

The Annual Credit Union Quiz will take place at the Community Centre Ennistymon on Saturday, February 1st. Two teams will represent the school at this event. We wish them the best of luck.

- **School Photography**

County photos will visit our school on Wednesday, 5th February. Photos will be taken of all pupils and a class photo of Junior Infants. The class photo of the 6th class pupils will be taken at a later stage. Proof prints will be sent home if you wish to purchase. **All pupils to be in full uniform.** Iron-on crests are available from the office if you require one.

- **Vision & Hearing Screening**

Screening will take place on Thursday, 6th February for pupils in Junior Infants and new entrants throughout the school who have previously consented.

- **Parent Teacher Meetings**

Parent Teacher meetings will take place on Monday, 17th and Tuesday 18th February. A date and time will be sent home with your child over the coming weeks.

- **Mid-Term Break**

Mid-term break takes place on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st February. School will be closed on these days.

- **Immunisations**

Immunisations will take place in the school for the children in Junior Infants on Monday, 25th February. Parents are welcome to attend with their child.

Thanking you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

MJ Malone
Principal

