**Scoil Bhríde**

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16th October 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

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**Welcome Back to School Mass**

What a lovely mass we had last week! The children sang beautifully and read so well. A sincere word of thanks goes to Ms. O’Mahony and her 5th class pupils for organising the mass, with great help from our SNA and SET team. Thanks also to Ms. Doyle for leading the music. A final word of thanks to Fr. Adrian and his Parish team for leading us all in such wonderful prayer and song. We are very grateful to you all for all your extra hard work.

**Is your phone number and email address up to date on our school records in case of an emergency or if your child is sick or if the HSE need to contact you for contact tracing purposes?**

It is a parent’s responsibility to ensure that the school has an up-to-date phone number, emergency contact phone number **and email address!!!!** for you on our school records. Thank you!

I**t is also a parent’s responsibility to ensure that their child’s medical box and its enclosed medical details are up-to-date** Thank you!

**Nut Allergies and Halloween celebrations**

Just a gentle reminder that we have pupils in our school with a nut allergy. For that reason, our entire school is a nut free zone (and that includes all forms of chocolate spread). Thank you for your continued vigilance in this matter especially in the run up to Halloween!

**Halloween Bun Sale for pupils**

Halloween Bun Sale for pupils – Tuesday October 15th with all funds going to funding new digital learning resources and ICT for all pupils. All donations of cakes, buns and treats are most welcome! Thank you.

**Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**

This will be going ahead again this year. If you wish to take part, please drop your boxes into the school office by 3pm on the deadline date of Friday October 25th. Thank you. More information at [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie)

**Dance lessons for all pupils**

 **A 6-week course of dance classes for all pupils with a specialist instructor starts on October 3rd.** Payment of 5 Euro from each pupil is now due. Thank you.

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**Swimming**

**A six-week course of swimming classes in K-Leisure Athy for 5th class starts on September 18th.** Details regarding payment from parents issued last week

A six-week course of swimming in K-Leisure Athy for all other senior classes will start as follows:

**3rd class – November 6th 2024

6th class – January 15th 2025

4th class – March 5th 2025

**Halloween Fancy Dress**

Children may wear Halloween costumes to school on Tuesday October 22nd. Please do not allow your child dress up as killer clowns or bring replica guns to school. Thank you. School opening and closing times are as normal on Tuesday October 22nd.

**Child Protection Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment**

Our school’s child safeguarding statement and risk assessment has undergone its annual review and is available on our school website for reading and comment @ <https://www.nurneyns.com/school-polocies>

**Visual Arts Policy and School Uniform Policy**

Our school’s Visual Arts Policy and School Uniform Policy has been reviewed and updated and is available on our school website for reading and comment @ https://www.nurneyns.com/school-polocies

**Dates for your diary**

* Halloween Closure – School closed October 28th to November 1st inclusive.
* **School closes on Monday November 11th 2024 for all pupils as staff must attend a Department of Education seminar on the New Primary Maths Curriculum.**
* ***School closes at 2pm on November 12th for all pupils*** to facilitate a staff meeting and fire safety training. The bus has been told.
* Annual School Book Fair – March 6th and 7th **2025**
* The Parish office wishes to inform you that Communion for families with children in 2nd class will be May 24th 2025 @ 11am in Nurney Church
* The Parish office wishes to inform you that Confirmation for families with children in 6th class will be May 2nd 2025 @ 11am in Nurney Church

***Wednesday Note and school information also available***

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***Thank you for your co-operation with the above.***

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