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Dear Parents/Guardians,

A huge congratulations to the St.Helen's Girls Junior B on their county success. We are very grateful to the team for dropping into the school and for giving each child a little treat.

Well done to Sophia Rose Prunty, Amara Donohoe and Katie O'Hara on their impressive achievements during recent Feis competitions.

Thank you to all the parents who completed the homework survey sent out on google forms last week.

Cumann na mbunscol is back. Thank you to parents for coming out to support. Our next fixture is at home against Aughnagarron this Wednesday. Throw in is at 1pm. Further details will be posted on Aladdin. Jack Macken is the school's new GPO. Jack will take the children for GAA football coaching in the coming weeks.

Teachers in 3rd to 6th class will engage in the Mind Your Mind Webinar tomorrow morning from 9:30 to 10am. Wellies on Wednesday will begin next week. Weather permitting children are invited to bring in wellies to utilise our pitch!

Thanks to Mrs. Kenny for putting together the following wellbeing padlet for the children in our school. Included are some P.E resources also. Please feel free to make use of the resources.
<https://padlet.com/mkennyballinamuck/well-being-activities-resources-for-pupils-st-patrick-s-ball-14a20jrz9aem3c89>

National Restart Your Heart Day is on Wednesday 16th October. Thank you to Yvonne Donaghy for approaching the school to offer a schedule of activities for the day to involve our children.

St.Patrick's will be engaging with an Anti-Bullying Webinar next week. This is phase one of the Bí Cineálta Framework. Bí Cineálta will replace the Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary schools 2013 from the beginning of the next academic year. Staff will engage in Child Protection training on Wednesday 16th October at 3:30pm in St.Mary's N.S., Drumlish.

Parent/Teacher meetings are scheduled for the week beginning 21st October. There is flexibility to have the meetings the week before. Also, there will be an option for a telephone meeting or face to face. Time slots will be posted on Aladdin in the coming weeks.

The Nasal Flu Vaccine will be administered on the 17th October. Details have been posted on Aladdin.

Gymnastics will begin on 7th November and will run for six weeks at a cost of €20 per child. The Parents Association are contributing €10 per child to the cost of Gymnastics this year.

Book Fair will arrive at our school on 21st October and the libraries will remain with us until 4th November. <https://bookfairs.scholastic.ie/travelling-books/free-resources#before>

Christmas Cards – this year again our Parents Association in conjunction with Design a Card for Schools, are offering the children, with your consent, an opportunity to design their own Christmas card. Cards need to be designed and finished by the 21st October. The last date for parents to place an order is 13th November.

Cash for Clothes collection will take place soon. If you're having a clear out over the mid-term please keep all bags for our collection.

We ask parents to work with us to promote healthy eating habits in our children. A small treat is only encouraged on a Friday. Treats should not form part of daily lunches.

Please sign up to our Facebook page to view our school stories, achievements, events activities and reminders <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095211915647>

The children are invited to Dress up for Halloween on the day of the mid-term holidays. We are looking forward to the mayhem!

Finally, on behalf of all the teachers and staff at St.Patrick's N.S, I wish you and your families a very enjoyable Halloween break.

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Dates for your Diary

Confirmation Friday 7th March at 3pm in St Mary's Church, Drumlish

First Holy Communion 10th May

School insurance deadline 10th October

Maths Week 12th - 20th October

Cash for Clobber TBC

School Closure (New Maths Curriculum) 18th October

