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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Following an AGM of the Parents Association held on 23rd September, the new committee members are as follows;
Chairperson - Aisling McLoughlin
Treasurer - Jessica O'Sullivan
Secretary - Karen Ward
Class Representatives: Junior & Senior Infants - Mark Duffy, 1st & 2nd Class - Yvonne Donaghy, 3rd & 4th class - David Kellegher, 5th & 6th class - Jessica O'Sullivan

We would like to welcome Fr.Eamonn Mcnerney as our new parish priest. We wish Fr. Eamonn best wishes in his new role. An enrollment ceremony for the sacrament classes will be held shortly.

The Longford Fire Brigade visited our school on Thursday, October 1st to give a fire safety talk to children in 2nd, 3rd and 4th class.

Music Generation continues every Tuesday for all our children. Hip hop dancing with Chloe of Peelo School of Dance continues this Wednesday and will run up until the mid-term break.

Our Cumann na Mbunscol league campaign is up and running. To date we have won one match and lost the other. We play our quarter final match next Tuesday against Colehill. Throw in is at 1pm. Thank you to our county development GAA coach Aaron and parent David Collum for taking children from 2nd to 4th class for afterschool training on Friday evenings. Training will continue this Friday at 3pm.

Book Fair will arrive at our school on Monday 12th October. The last day to purchase books will be on Monday 19th October.

Children in all classes are completing the 'Run Around Eu Challenge' as part of Active Schools. Children are using the front yard to work out how many kilometres they are running as a class each day to see what capital cities they can reach. Mr.McIntyre will be taking 5th & 6th class for

Badminton for six weeks starting soon. Rugby Development Officer Glenn will be taking all classes for Rugby each Monday from 2nd November until 7th December.

Maths Week is next week, week beginning 12th October. The children will engage in a wide range of hands-on activities and Maths Walks around the school.

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 provide a fork and or spoon for your child's hot lunch.

Due to current industrial action we cannot open our school doors until 9:20pm until notified otherwise. On Wednesday, 14th October our school will be closed for planned strike action.

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

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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Damien McIntyre

**Dates for Diary:**

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| First Holy Communion: | Saturday 17th April at 11am (Note date change) |
| Confirmation: | Friday 12th March at 3pm (St.Mary's Church, Drumlish) |
| Mid-term Break: | Monday 26th to Friday 30th October |
| New Curriculum Closure: | Tuesday, 8th December (Wellbeing on-site training day) |