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Dear Parents

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Best Attendance:

- Congratulations to Ms McSpadden's 1st class on having the Best Attendance for March.

Half Day for Staff Meeting:

- There will be a half day on Thursday April 18th to facilitate a staff meeting. All children will go home at 1.15pm.

Band & St Patrick's Day Parade:

- Congratulations & well done to all the girls who took part in the band for St Patrick's day.
- We were so proud of the girls – they performed & behaved so well!
- Sincere thanks also to all the staff who taught the girls their tunes and to everyone who helped to co-ordinate the logistics of getting all pupils around the town safely on the day.

Seachtain na Gaeilge:

- We had a wonderful week before the Easter holidays celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge.
- Sincere thanks to all the members of staff who helped organise all the events – especially to Mrs Callanan who co-ordinated the Tráth na gCeist and Siamsa.
- A special thank you to Mr Hanley for compiling the attached YouTube video showing all the highlights of the week!

<https://youtu.be/5BsnQTBHqG8>

Trip to Knock, Co. Mayo:

- The 6th class girls are attending a retreat in Knock, Co. Mayo on Wednesday of this week.
- The cost of this retreat is €15 (€10 for the retreat itself and €5 towards the cost of the bus). This can be paid via Aladdin.

Hot School Lunches:

- The "Free Hot School Lunches" scheme started in our school this week.
- The provider of this service in our school is the Galway-based "HotSchoolMeals.ie".
- Parents are able to choose a Hot Lunch for their children and these lunches are delivered hot to the school each day.
- HotSchoolMeals.ie have a wide menu to choose from and they cover most allergies and dietary requirements. Please visit www.hotschoolmeals.ie for full menu and nutritional breakdown of meals.

- All the children have been given their Username & Password to access www.hotschoolmeals.ie
- If you have misplaced your access details please contact the office.

Annual Book Fair:

- Our annual book fair in partnership with Tara Book company is taking place on-line again this year.
- The book fair is open and will run until Tuesday April 16th. Our first deliveries have arrived already!! Thank you for the great support so far, and there is still time to order.
- The link to the book fair is: <https://bookfair.tarabookco.ie/>
- Click on “Shop Now” and the Password is 16071M.
- School Name: Scoil Chroí Naofa, Athenry

School Photographer:

- We received the proofs for the school photographs taken by County Photos on Monday of this week.
- If you wish to order any photos of your child(ren) you are encouraged to do so on-line by following the instructions included with the proofs.
- If you are unable to process your order on-line you may return your order in the envelope provided, to the office. The envelope should include the exact money owed. These envelopes will be collected by County Photos on Thursday of next week (April 18th).

Agri-Aware Mobile Farm:

- The Agri-aware mobile farm will be visiting our school on Thursday April 18th.
- The farmer will set up on the green at the front of the school and will have an array of animals with him including sheep, chickens, ducks, calves and pigs!

Lidl Farm to Fork Experience:








- Ms Alani’s class have been successful in their application to take part in the “Lidl Farm-to-Fork Experience”.
- The girls will learn about the process of food production through a combination of hands-on activities and discussions led by the Agri Aware’s Education Officers.
- Pupils will receive on-site education delivery which is guided by the SESE curriculum in an outdoor classroom experience
- The farm is situated next to the Lidl Regional Distribution Centre in Newbridge, Co. Kildare and the visit itself will last 2 hours. As part of the visit there is a train tour of the regional distribution centre, during this part of the tour pupils & teacher will be seated on a mini train.
- The cost to pupils to attend this experience is €15, which will go towards the cost of the bus. This can be paid via Aladdin.
- The visit will take place on Thurs June 20th and the girls will be home late on that day (4.30pm approx.)

Sponsored Walk:

- Our annual sponsored “Heritage Town Walk” will take place on Friday June 7th, weather permitting.
- A sponsorship card will be given to each family in the school closer to the time.
- All proceeds raised will go to the Parents Council to fund workshops, buses, treats etc. for the children throughout the year.
- Parents are very welcome to join us on the walk & to call back to the school hall afterwards for a cuppa!



Sport & PE:

<p>Soccer</p> 	<p>Well done to the girls from 5th & 6th class who competed in the FAI 5s soccer competition in Mervue before the Easter holidays. The girls did us very proud!</p>
<p>Gymnastics</p> 	<p>All classes from Senior Infants up to 6th class will receive 2-3 gymnastics sessions in the Senshin sports centre. The lessons started this week and run for the next 2 weeks. The children are being walked to the Senshin centre for their session & walked back to school afterwards</p>
<p>Cycling</p> 	<p>Each year the Parents Council part-fund a cycling workshop for the 6th class girls. This workshop is provided over a number of sessions and is delivered by “Cycle Right”. The workshops will commence this week (Thurs April 11th) and will mainly take place outdoors. The girls are encouraged to use their own bicycles and helmets, where possible.</p>
<p>Camogie Hurling</p> 	<p>Cian Ryan (the local GAA coach) is providing coaching to pupils in the three senior infant classes and Mrs Callanan’s 2nd class. There will be a camogie / hurling blitz for 1st & 2nd class pupils in Carnaun on Wednesday May 1st The Athenry Parish schools camogie blitz will take place in Carnaun on Friday May 17th</p>
<p>Basketball</p> 	<p>A team of 11 players from 6th class will be entering the annual schools basketball blitz, due to take place in Cregmore national school on Wednesday May 15th. Mr Kelly & Mr Naughton will be getting the girls ready for this event.</p>
<p>Swimming</p> 	<p>The girls in both 3rd classes will be attending swimming lessons in the Raheen Woods in May. The lessons will be on Mon May 20th to Thurs May 23rd and will cost €20 per pupil. The girls will walk to the Raheen Woods hotel each morning for the lesson and walk back to school again afterwards.</p>
<p>Active School Week</p> 	<p>Active School week will take place in the school during the week of May 20th to 24th. Sincere thanks to Mr Kelly & Mrs Melville who will be co-ordinating all the different activities. More details will follow closer to the time</p>

Accelerated Reading:

- Well done to all the pupils in classes from 2nd up to 6th for their enthusiastic participation in the accelerated reading programme!
- The statistics for this school year so far are as follows



Sign Language (ISL) classes:

- The Department are funding the provision of Sign Language (ISL) classes for pupils in the school
- The classes will run for 6 weeks, starting next week and will take place after school.
- The classes will be offered to pupils in 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th classes and will be given by Mrs Trehy.
 - 3rd class: Monday 2.30 to 3.30 in Ms Alani's room 7 (Starting: April 15th)
 - 4th class: Tuesday 2.30 to 3.30 in Miss Morris' prefab (Starting April 16th)
 - 6th class: Wednesday 2.30 to 3.30 in Mr Kelly's room 16 (Starting April 17th)
 - 5th class: Thursday 2.30 to 3.30 in Mrs Monson's prefab (Starting April 25th)
- Parents must sign a consent form to give permission for their child to stay on after school for the extra hour on the given day. These will be handed out today.

School Tours:

- Below is a summary of when & where each class will be going on this year's school tours.

Date	Class Teacher	Venue	Price
Tuesday May 28 th	Mr McDonald (Senior Infants) Mrs Stewart (Senior Infants) Miss Dolan (Senior Infants)	Turoe Pet Farm, Bullaun, Co. Galway	€30
Wednesday May 29 th	Miss Murray (5 th class) Mrs Monson (5 th class)	Emerald Park Ashbourne, Co. Meath	€45
Thursday May 30 th	Mrs Callanan (2 nd class)	Wildlands Moycullen, Co. Galway	€40
Wednesday June 5 th	Ms Tyrrell (Junior Infants) Mrs Duffy (Junior Infants) Miss Dolan (Junior Infants)	Turoe Pet Farm, Bullaun, Co. Galway	€30
Thursday June 6 th	Ms Alani (3 rd class) Mrs Greally (3 rd & 4 th class) Miss Morris (4 th class)	Adventure World University of Limerick Limerick	€45
Thursday June 13 th	Mr Kelly (6 th class)	Emerald Park Ashbourne, Co. Meath	€45
Friday June 14 th	Mr Hanley (1 st class) Ms McSpadden (1 st class)	Let's Go! Kingfisher, NUIG, Galway	€45

School Year 2024 / 2025:

- Calendar for 2024 / 2025 is attached
- Teachers have not been assigned to their new classes for next year yet.
- Parents are advised that the makeup of your child's class never stays the same from year to year. With this in mind parents are advised to voice any points they have e.g. possible friendships their child might have etc. While this information will be useful to have and a reasonable effort will be made to accommodate certain requests, we wish to remind you that no guarantees can be given regarding placement of pupils.
- Parents are asked to voice any points they have before Friday April 26th. Please do so by email to the school only: office@scoilchroinaoafaathenry.ie . While points raised will be given consideration, no promises can ever be given in relation to requests made.

Amalgamation News:

- John Connolly will be principal of the newly amalgamated school. Interviews were held just before the Easter holidays. We congratulate him on his appointment. It has been a privilege leading Scoil Chroí Naofa and working with you all as your principal. Many thanks for all your support.
- Interviews for the role of Deputy Principal of the newly amalgamated school will take place in due course.
- The children and wider community submitted their designs for our new school crest before the Easter holidays. A short list of entries has been compiled. These will be reviewed by the Amalgamation Steering committee in the coming weeks.

Dates for Diary:

- **Thursday April 18th: Staff Meeting – all the children will go home at 1.15pm**
- Saturday April 27th: *Confirmation* for 6th class girls at 2.30pm
- Monday May 6th to Friday May 10th: May Mid-term break
- Saturday May 18th: *First Communion* for 2nd class girls at 2.30pm
- Tuesday June 25th: *Graduation* for 6th class girls

Fergal Naughton

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