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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Fáilte ar ais! Welcome back! A very special welcome to all our new Junior Infants, to the pupils who joined other classes and all the new parents. We also welcome Ms. Abbie Quirke who joins our staff on the Supply Panel. Here is some of the latest news from Scoil Mhuire:

Child Safeguarding

The Board has reviewed, adopted and fully implements without modification, the Department of Education "Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2023", in relation to Child Safeguarding. Consequently, we are obliged to report any matters of concern in relation to the abuse of children to Túsla (The Child & Family Agency) and/or An Garda Síochána. The Designated Liaison person (DLP) in the school is the principal (Rory Gibbons) and the Deputy DLP is the deputy principal (Margaret Sheahan).

Birthday Invitations

To avoid causing upset to any child we ask parents not to send in birthday party invitations, goodie bags, cakes/treats for distribution in school. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Board of Management

The BOM is responsible for the management of the school on behalf of the Department of Education and the school Patron, Bishop William Crean. The members of the board give generously of their time and expertise and their work is completely voluntary. The term of office is normally 4 years and the current Board started their term in December 202.

The members of the current Board of Management are as follows:

Margaret Twomey	Patron's nominee /Chairperson
Denis Hickey	Patron's nominee
Brenda Crowley	Parent nominee/treasurer
Donie Magner	Parent nominee
Denis Hartnett	Community nominee
Annette Roche	Community nominee
Breda Fouhy	Teacher nominee
Rory Gibbons	Principal / Secretary to BOM

Contact Details

It is vital that we have your correct contact details. Please review your details via Aladdin Connect. You can submit changes to personal contact information and emergency contact information on Aladdin. Aladdin are constantly reviewing their product in line with GDPR requirements and for this reason have further restricted parental viewing of family information within the family circle. Parents will only have access to view and edit their own personal contact information, for example Dad can only see his details and Mam can only see her details. More information can be found on https://www.aladdin.ie/connect_app_faqs.html

Communication

It is important that you check your email and notice board on Aladdin Connect for messages as these will be our main way of communicating with parents. If you wish to meet with the class/support teacher please contact the secretary to make an appointment.

Enrolments

Pre-enrolment for September 2025 is open now. Anyone with children starting next year can pre-enroll on the school website (www.scoilmhuireballyhooly.ie/enrolment) or by phoning the office on 025 39638.

September Fees

Thank you to those who have paid the September Fees on Aladdin already. For those who have not paid as of yet it would be appreciated if this would be done before the end of September. I am happy to discuss payment issues with anyone in confidence should they wish.

The Lunch Bag

Hot school lunches are provided by The Lunch Bag and any queries should be directed to info@thelunchbag.ie

Label Jumpers

Please ensure all school tracksuits are labelled with your child's/children's names. Even ones with initials embroidered should be labelled as some children will have the same initials.

New Primary Maths Curriculum – School Closure Day

The Department of Education have notified us that a school closure day will take place on **Monday 11th November** to facilitate staff training in the new Primary Maths Curriculum.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 9th October – school photographer coming

Closing for mid-term Friday 25th October (3:00pm)

Monday 11th November – school closed for PMC Training

Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th November – Parent-Teacher Meetings

Fr. Robin Morrissey RIP

As I mentioned in my email earlier in the week, we are all deeply saddened by the death of Fr. Robin Morrissey. We keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

Parental Complaints Procedures

The Parental Complaints Procedures was revised in 2023 and is an agreed set of procedures between INTO (Irish National Teachers' Organisation) and school management bodies. The stages outlined must be followed in the event of a complaint. A copy can be found on our school website.

Many thanks for your continued support,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rory Gibbons", written over a horizontal line.

Rory Gibbons

Principal