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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here is some of the latest news from Scoil Mhuire:

Halloween Dress Up Day

The children may dress up for Halloween this Friday 25th October and we will have our traditional Halloween Parade.

Staffing Update

Ms. Keane has gone out on leave and we wish her well. A substitute teacher will be appointed in the coming week and that teacher's name will be communicated to parents/guardians in that class. Also, Mr. Grumbridge will be taking up the post of Principal on December 16th. Prior to this, Ms. Sheahan will assume the role of Acting Principal. Ms. McMahon will also be re-joining the staff for those few weeks and we're delighted to have her back. Good luck to all!

Shorts/Tracksuits

The weather is certainly much cooler and following the mid-term break only tracksuits should be worn – save the shorts for the warmer weather next year!

September Fees

We would appreciate if any outstanding September fees could be paid. Many thanks to everyone who has done so already.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Bookings for Parent-Teacher meetings will open on Aladdin after the mid-term break. Meetings are scheduled on the evenings of 19th and 20th November.

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.

Reminder - 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.

Helmets Wanted

If you have any unwanted hurling helmets at home we would gladly accept donations. Children will be starting hurling on Tuesdays with Mike and any extra helmets would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, a thank you...

This will be my last newsletter as Principal of Scoil Mhuire as I will be finishing in Ballyhooly this Friday. It has been a tremendous honour for me to lead such a wonderful school over the last five years. I was appointed in June of 2019 and was only in the role a few months when the Covid pandemic broke out. Leading the school throughout the pandemic reaffirmed my belief that Ballyhooly is a very special community, with very supportive parents and wonderful children to work with. We have seen many changes throughout my time as Principal as we kept up with the speed of educational change but I am leaving the school safe in the knowledge that the excellent staff, and new principal, are well prepared to deal with the challenges of the future.

I am grateful to all the parents (and Parents' Associations), school staff, Boards of Management and above all the children for helping to make Scoil Mhuire such a wonderful school to lead. Although I leave with a heavy heart I am truly grateful for the experiences and memories I take with me.

Míle buíochas arís,

Is mise, le meas,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rory Gibbons", positioned above a horizontal line.

Rory Gibbons

Principal