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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here is some of the latest news/information from Scoil Mhuire:

Upcoming Dates for the Diary

Bank Holiday Monday 5th February (school closed)

Mid-term break Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February (school closed)

Referendum Friday 8th March (school closed as Scoil Mhuire is a polling station)

Easter holidays Friday March 22nd (school closing at 12:30pm and reopening Monday 8th April)

Healthy Lunches

Scoil Mhuire is a Healthy Eating School and has an existing Healthy Eating Policy. However, in recent times it has become noticeable that lunches and drinks (in some cases) would not be deemed as healthy lunches. Following the rollout of the new Hot School Meals Scheme in April (date to be confirmed as yet), the Board of Management intends to do a full review of our Healthy Eating Policy in line with latest guidelines and best practice. Until then, I would encourage parents/guardians to just check to see how healthy the lunch box is currently and perhaps consider changes where necessary. We are respectfully asking parents not to give what many refer to as 'treats' (biscuits, chocolate bars, cakes, sweets, cereal bars and dessert yoghurts) during the week (Monday - Thursday). These are on the top shelf of the food pyramid as they are foods high in fat, sugar and salt. One small 'treat' will be allowed on Fridays, should a parent wish to include one. Water is always the best drink for school – no sugary/sports drinks should come in unless for medicinal reasons. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Enrolments

Scoil Mhuire is now enrolling new Junior Infants for September 2024. If you would like to enroll a child please phone/email the office or visit the website to fill out a pre-enrolment form. Enrolments forms will be sent out to those enrolled at the end of February/start of March.

6th Class Parent Teacher Meetings

The rearranged 6th Class parent Teacher meetings will take place on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th of February next. Slots can be booked via Aladdin Connect in the usual manner.

Punctuality

All pupils should be in school by 9.20 a.m. at the latest to ensure that they are settled into their class for the start of lessons. Please support your child in developing good habits around punctuality.

Revised Parental Complaints Procedure

Please read the revised parental complaints procedure on our website. The parental complaints procedure was revised and agreed by the Irish National Teachers' Organisation and the management bodies of primary schools, the Catholic Primary Schools Management Association, the Church of Ireland, An Foras Pátrúnachta, the Muslim Primary Education Board, Educate Together and the National Association of Boards of Management in Special Education in 2023. It is designed to provide an open and clearly defined process to facilitate parents/legal guardians in raising concerns about their own child/children in an agreed, fair and transparent manner.

Many thanks for your continued support to school life in Scoil Mhuire,

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Rory Gibbons

Principal