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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope this note finds you well as we welcome the Summer holidays. This has been an unusual school year but thankfully we have made it to the end of the year safely. Thank you parents for helping and supporting us, most especially during these covid times. Our 6th class girls are saying goodbye to us tomorrow, their last day in primary school. They have been a pleasure to teach over the last eight years and have shown extraordinary resilience and strength of character throughout this school year. Ms. Whelan, myself and all the staff of Scoil Bhríde wish each one of them every success in their future and hope that they have many happy days ahead.

The last couple of weeks in particular have been very busy here!

15th June: Children in Infants, 1st and 2nd classes went on their school tour to the pet farm in Cullahill.

16th June: Triona from the library in Mountrath visited all classes to talk to the children about the Summer activities that will be going on in the library in Mountrath and all libraries in Laois.

21st June: Children in 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th classes went on their school tour to Castlecomer Discovery Park.

22nd June: The children enjoyed a sports day, within their own class bubble. We were delighted to welcome members of Laois Sports Partnership to the school, they worked with each class level throughout the day. Ms. Brereton and our 5th, 6th class girls raised our Active Flag to the sound of cheers and applause from the school! What an amazing achievement! David Page (Chairperson BOM) officially opened our Active walkway with help from Sophie (Infants) and Alicia (6th class). We finished off the day with some delicious and much needed ice-cream.

23rd June: Yesterday our 6th class girls along with their parents, Ms. Whelan, Marion and myself went to the Graduation Mass in the Parish Church, the rest of the classes joined in via the parish webcam. Afterwards the girls were presented with their graduation certificates and a training top (Seamie Holland). Sincere thanks to our Parents' Council for

funding these training tops. The girls enjoyed their graduation party back in the school organised by Ms. Whelan. Thank you to Joan in Glanmore Foods and to the staff of the school for supplying the girls with some tasty treats.

Book Rental.

On your daughter's booklist you will notice some books on the list can be rented from the school. We encourage you to avail of the Book Rental Scheme in an effort to reduce costs. Thanks to Ms. Sheppard for organising the book rental scheme. If you have any books belonging to the school please return them tomorrow.

Parents' Council.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to our Parents' Council for all their help this year. Most recently their 'Go Fund Me' page raised €1,040 for our school, with this money we have added to our suite of ipads for the children. As mentioned, they funded the 6th class graduation jerseys and paid for the four school tour buses. They have been involved in many projects throughout the year and are extremely helpful and supportive. We are always looking for new ideas, so if you think you could contribute and help us next school year it would be really appreciated. You can contact me here in school or any member of the committee, thanks in advance.

New Infants.

A very warm welcome to our new Junior Infants who will be joining us in September. We hope that you will settle in well and enjoy your time here with us.

School website and twitter page.

A very sincere word of thanks to Ms. Brereton and Ms. Sheppard for all their work throughout the year in keeping the school website and twitter page updated. A lot of time and effort goes in to this work and it is very much appreciated and enjoyed by all of us.

Thank you.

- Thank you to our Board of Management who have supported us tremendously this year.
- Thank you to Piotr Glanert (school caretaker) and Viola Grinfelde (school cleaner) for their hard work during the year. The school is impeccably maintained both inside and out.
- Thank you to Mrs. Mary Hosey (school secretary) for helping to keep the show on the road.
- Thank you to Marion and Mary (SNA's) for your dedication to the children.
- Thank you Parents' Council and all parents for supporting us as we work together in educating your daughter.
- Thanks to Gina and Ciara (HSCL) for all your work in helping to maintain communication links between home and school.

I know you join me in thanking the teaching staff of our school. A special word of thanks also to our 6th class girls. You have been amazing role models for the younger classes and have helped shape the fabric of our school. Míle buíochas. Hope you have a well deserved break before you commence post-primary school.

Summer holidays.

The school will close tomorrow, Friday 25th June @ 12 noon for all classes. It re-opens on **Monday, 30th August @9.20am.**

Wishing you all a safe and happy Summer, hopefully the weather will be good for our staycations!

Go dté sibh slán sábháilte,

M. Rohan and Staff.