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Good afternoon,

Hope you and all in your care are well, a few matters for your attention -

Grandparents celebration tomorrow.

As part of Catholic Schools Week, we are looking forward to meeting you all tomorrow in the church at 10am Mass in celebration of our Grandparents. You are invited back to the school after Mass for tea, cakes and a chat.

School Sports.

We are delighted to be working once again with Laois Sports Partnership. The girls in 3rd, 4th classes are currently participating in a 4 week Athletics Programme, thanks Ms. Brereton for organising.

Enrolment for the coming year.

We are now accepting enrolments for the coming academic year, please contact tarasheppardscoilbhride@gmail.com for more information or visit the school website scoilbhridemountrath.weebly.com

Attendance and Punctuality.

As you know the school day starts at 9.20am. It is important that your daughter arrives on time so that she doesn't miss out on her learning experience. Also, it is unsettling for her if she is consistently late.

Please read the below **extract** from the booklet: '**Don't let your child miss out**' (Tusla publication)

What you must do if your child cannot be at school.

You must tell the school that your child cannot attend and say why. The school will tell you how to give them this information – usually, the school will ask for a note. Very often, there will be good reasons for a child not being in school and these will be taken into account if they are explained to the school.

What the school must do if your child misses a lot of school.

The school must tell us, the National Educational Welfare Board, if your child has missed 20 days or more in the school year or if it is concerned that your child is missing too much school.

What we must do if your child misses a lot of school.

If a school tells us that your child is missing too much school, an Educational Welfare Officer may visit you to see how we can help to make sure that your child attends school more often.

Protecting your child's right to an education.

We will help you in whatever way we can to ensure your child gets an education. However, you can be taken to court and fined or imprisoned if you do not co-operate with the Educational Welfare Officer. Legal action will be taken in exceptional cases if it is the only way a child's right to an education can be safeguarded.

HSCL.

We are very fortunate to have a HSCL coordinator (Home School Community Liaison) in our school. Our HSCL Sheila is available to help you with any concerns or difficulties, promoting partnership between parents, teachers and community family support services. She can be contacted on 086 0452437 or email hsclmountrath@gmail.com.

Slán fo fóill,

M. Rohan.