Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well and that your child/children has now settled well since returning to school in September. It is hard to believe that we are already half way through October and approaching our Halloween mid-term already. There are a few important matters I wish to share with you.

Ms Jacqueline Nevin has been appointed as our new Deputy Principal. We congratulate her and wish her well in her new role.

The final meeting for the term of this current board of management took place last night (10/10/2019). A key concern at last night’s meeting was the traffic at drop off times and collection times at the front of the school. We have already attempted to raise awareness through the application of road markings alerting approaching cars to the fact that there is a school ahead but are still deeply concerned at the speed that cars approach the school most especially as children enter and exit. We are appealing to parents to park in an orderly manner, leave the school entrance vacant and to ***come to the gate to collect your child regardless of the class that they are in.*** Cars approaching the school are doing so at speed and children are exiting through and around parked cars before crossing to the other side of the road. The board of management would appreciate your co-operation in this matter especially as we now enter the winter months when visibility is reduced and road conditions deteriorate.

I am attaching the notification of the upcoming board of management parents’ nominations election. Please read this carefully and **only complete and return if you wish to stand for election to the incoming B.O.M.**

There has been a meeting of the parent’s association committee last week. The parent’s association have an important role in supporting the needs of the school and also in bringing/suggesting initiatives that may be suitable for the school. There has been a decrease in the number of parents participating in the parent’s association in recent years and I would like to set about possibly encouraging some more parents to become involved. With this in mind I have been in touch with the national parents’ council and am organising to have a speaker address the parent body on the functions and role of a parent’s association. I will also address the parents and offer some feedback on suggestions that have been made to me by the current committee on behalf of parents to date. I would appeal to as many parents as possible to attend this information evening when the date is finalised. Notification of this meeting will be forwarded as soon as the National Parents council confirm it.

Swimming will get underway on Friday 8th November. Last year we had a huge number of children attending the swimming lessons and the management of the pool has asked us to reduce our numbers this year due to health and safety concerns. Therefore, we have decided not to include Junior Infants this year as it appears, we will fill all spaces available with the numbers we have from senior infants to 6th class. Parents of senior infant children are requested to be available to dress your child should you wish them to participate. Swimming will cost 30e per child and should be forwarded to the office the week we return from mid-term.

Our annual Halloween walk will take place during the week of 21st-25th October. The weather will determine the day the walk takes place. Sponsorship cards are in children’s school bags

Thanking you,

Joan Donnelly