



Catherine McAuley Junior School,  
Castlemoyle,  
New Ross,  
Co. Wexford.  
21st February 2018

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Congratulations to the Parents' Association for organising and manning the **Church Gate collection** last weekend. €410.40 was collected. This will go towards playground markings for games for the children.

The next project is a raffle for a **Senior Wexford jersey signed by the hurling team**. The cards will be available next week. There will be one card per family. Every cent collected will be used for the children. We appreciate your support.

This is **Friendship Week** in school. The children are learning more about how to be a good friend and what to do if somebody is mean to you. The school rule is 'Tell to be safe'. We are going to paint stones to make a Friendship Bracelet around our school. The children will need to bring in the stones and we will provide the paint!

We got our **Buddy Bench** this week. The children will be decorating the benches over the next few months.

### **Green Schools**

As part of our recycling campaign we are collecting bottle tops to make pictures to decorate the school grounds. So please get all your relations and friends collecting their bottle tops and bring them to the school. We will need thousands ☺.

### **World Book Day**

We will celebrate World Book Day on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. The children can dress up as their favourite character from a book. The First and Second Class pupils are creating their own books as part of the **Write-a-Book** project. All the children will have an opportunity to spend time reading these books on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March. I am really looking forward to reading their books.

The school will be closed on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March** for staff training in **Child Safeguarding**. This is a requirement of the Department of Education as there have been changes to the law in recent months.

The school will also be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March –Public Holiday.

The last day of term is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – usual school closing 1.30pm & 2.30pm.

### **Health & Safety**

There have been a number of dangerous incidents on the school grounds with parents using the set down areas to park in and parents double parking outside them.

The **set down areas** are **not** for parking even for a few minutes. They are **set down only**.

We ask parents to park on the Bawnmore not in the school grounds. At a recent visit, the guards said *the school should be doing more to ensure the safety of the children*. We need **your co-operation** to do the right thing and park safely on the Bawnmore, not in the school grounds. I have discussed this matter with the Parents Association and we will have to take further measures if parents continue to ignore this safety message.

As always we appreciate your support and co-operation. If there is a problem come in and tell us so that we can work together to sort it out.

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Elma Sutton Principal