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November Letter 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Industrial Action**

The school will operate from 9am – 12.30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The Nursery Unit will be closed on this day. This is due to industrial action taken by non-teaching unions. This involves classroom assistants, non-teaching staff, kitchen staff and transport staff. There will be no meals served on the day and there is also no breakfast club on that morning.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Year Mass**

The school celebrates 50 years on its present site this year. It opened on the Castlefin Rd in September 1973. Fr. Paul Fraser will celebrate a special mass on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church. There will be refreshments after in St. Patrick's Hall. This is an open invite to all parents, staff governors and pupils past and present to attend. We hope people can attend on the night. Please feel free to share with friends and family.

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

To facilitate parent teacher meetings, we will finish lessons for P1 to P6 pupils in the primary school at 12.30pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023. School dinner will be served early on the day. The Nursery morning and afternoon groups will operate as normal on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023. The nursery and primary school will be closed on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 for parent teacher meetings. The teachers will be in contact with parents to organise these meetings this week.

### **Tom Sweeney /Christmas Cinema Trip**

As part of the 50<sup>th</sup> year celebrations, Tom Sweeney will have a concert for P1 – P4 on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. P5 to P7 already enjoyed a visit from the Armagh Rhymers. We also plan to take the children to the cinema in Lifford - P1 – P4 on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December and P5 – P7 on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December as part of the celebrations, so there will be no charge for pupils this year.

The Nursery pupils will visit Santa at Razcals – details will follow later.

### **Christmas Arrangements**

The P1 Nativity takes place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10am in the school hall. The Nursery Show for the older pupils takes place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10am in the school hall. There will be a Christmas party for the younger pupils in the Nursery classroom at 1.30pm.

Christmas dinner and dress up /fun day takes place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023. We will collect a small donation for SVDP on the day.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Brian Mc Gurk  
Principal.