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Dear Parents/Guardians,

1st March 2015.

Welcome back everybody after a lovely mid-term break!

WORLD BOOK DAY, THURSDAY MARCH 5th

The 18th Annual World Book Day, Ireland's largest celebration of books and reading, will take place on Thursday, March 5th. This Day is run by the Booksellers Association and is a month-long event from 2nd to 29th March 2015. Every child will receive a token, value €1.50, which they can exchange for one of eleven exclusive €1.50 World Book Days books, or use it to get money off any book costing €3.99 or more. This can be done at any good bookshop until Sunday, March 29th. **See worldbookday.com/books for more details.**

The children will participate in various activities during next week to celebrate this day. One of these activities will be our annual book character parade taking place on Friday, March 6th. Children may dress up as a character from one of their favourite books - each class teacher will give more information about this. **Please note that this is not a 'no uniform' day** - if children are not dressing as a character they must wear uniform or tracksuit as usual.

EASTER CELEBRATION THURSDAY, 26th MARCH - SAVE THE DATE!

- We look forward to seeing you at the Coffee Morning, Choir Recital, 5th class play and Bumper Easter Raffle on Thursday, 26th March, 11.15 - 12.30pm. Last year we had more prizes than Lotto!
- If you have any unwanted gifts (Christmas, Birthday or Valentines!!) or hamper baskets - big or small - that you do not need, please leave them into the school or ring Molly (086 3194460) for collection. Please observe Health & Safety when sending in any glass items.

*The Parents' Association has a special letter to give to individuals, shops or companies who may donate a raffle prize. Help is needed to distribute these to local businesses - Nutgrove Shopping Centre etc. If you can help please contact the office for a copy of this letter.

Thanks to those of you who have already sent in gifts and baskets.

Raffle tickets will be given out mid-March. The prices are the same as last year - €2 each or €10 for Book of 6. This is really exceptional value. Each family will be given 2 books of tickets. Extra books available on request - we are sure that grandparents, relatives, friends and neighbours will want to buy some when they see the quality of the prizes listed. Please try to have all the money and tickets back by Tuesday, 24th March, but we will accept 'late entries' up to 11.00 am on Thursday 26th. ***There will also be a special raffle for those attending on the day.***

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ROOM

We said in the last newsletter that the following were available to view in the Parents' Room (Room 21):

- ┌ Copies of our Child Protection Policy & Anti-Bullying Policy.
- ┌ A sample of our uniform tracksuit bottoms with re-inforced knees and a sample pair of uniform shorts.

The sample uniform items have to stay in the Parents' Room so that parents can make a decision on whether they want these changes made to the school uniform or not.

EASTER CAMP Please note that there will be no Easter Camp in the school this year.

Sheila Fitzgerald - Principal