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Dear Parent/s,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Next week the pupils will be on midterm break for Thursday 27th, Friday 28th Monday 31st May and Tuesday 1st June 2021.

The staff will be attending school on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th May. The teachers hope to complete telephone parent teacher meetings on either of these days and also plan to schedule appointments in the following weeks. Appointments will be available to book or will be allocated via Google Classroom from Monday next week. Any queries about times etc. should be managed through Google Classroom. Reports will also be issued after these parent teacher meetings.

It is very positive news that Confirmation will take place on Saturday 26th June and Fr. Paul has invited all P7 children receiving Confirmation and their parent/s to attend Mass on Thursday 27th May in St. Patrick's Church at 7.30pm. Also First Holy Communion will also go ahead on Saturday 4th July. Letters to parents regarding the updated arrangements are available on our school website.

The school Nursing Team attend school to carry out health screening for P1 and P2 pupils on Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th and the 7th June, so it is important that the pupils attend on these days.

P1 and P7 class photographs take place on Monday 7th June, so please ensure your child attends on the day.

Could I ask P2 and P3 parents to email their email address to Deirdre in the school office to dtraynor107@c2kni.net as we hope to move to a secure email system for letters, reports etc. from next year. I will contact the parents later in P4 P5 and P6 to forward their email address.

Schools have been reminded by the DE to operate the class bubble systems and to ensure Covid protocols are maintained until the end of the year. So parent/s please maintain all the measures that have kept our pupils safe this school year.

We plan to run a fun day and sports day for each class bubble and details will be posted via Google Classroom. Parent/s are unable to attend on the day.

At the time of writing CBS Omagh will not operate the GL entrance exam for admission next year 2022/23. Loreto Grammar plan to admit 50% of their pupils next year via the GL exam and 50% by non-academic selection in 2022/23. I will write to P6 parents directly after the parent teacher meetings have taken place. None of our other Catholic Post-Primary Schools operate an entrance exam.

There remains a number of spaces available in our Nursery Unit for children aged between 2nd July 2017 and 1st July 2019. If you have a child or know a family who would be interested in taking up a place in September 2021 please email the school address or contact the school office for an application form.

I will write to parent/s in June to discuss arrangements for the new academic year and we hope that we can return to a sense of normality next school year, but also much of the new approach to learning can be continued to help our pupils grow and learn.

So we can look forward positively to the mid-term break and hope that the children will continue to attend school with their friends.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Mc Gurk Principal