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Dear Parent/s,

I hope this letter finds you well.

By this stage you will have met and discussed your child's report with their class teacher. You will receive your child's report and P6 and P7 parents will also receive a copy of the Cognitive Abilities Test – CAT. This was taken before the pandemic and will provide you with more detail about their academic ability and expected progress.

Moving forward the children have been very good since their return in March and they are looking forward to finishing school and their summer holidays.

We are still required to keep within guidelines and the present restrictions however we are planning a number of events for our pupils. We are hosting a Club/County Colours Day for all the pupils and a Skills Competition for P5 P6 and P7 on **Friday 18th June** to celebrate 50 years of Cumann na mBunscol – Primary Schools GAA.

We are hosting a number of fun days for all our Nursery and Primary pupils **in the week beginning the 21st June 2021** – there will be a snack box lunch available to buy from the canteen, treats, games and activities, and a disco within their classroom bubble. The day for each class fun day will be communicated through Google Classroom. Unfortunately, parents are unable to attend events due to the present restrictions.

Our present pupils will meet with their new classroom teacher in the next few weeks with classroom visits planned. I have applied for funding for summer schemes for the pupils and I will be in touch with parent/s with more details via Google Classroom. I have also asked parent/s to provide an email this month if you haven't already done so via Google Classroom as I am planning a new email service for the new academic year.

P7 pupils may finish school on the 25th June. Nursery pupils may finish on the 28th June and primary pupils finish on Wednesday 30th June at 12.30pm. P4 pupils will be allowed to finish school on the 29th June as they celebrate their Communion on Saturday 3rd July. P7 pupils celebrate their Confirmation on the 26th June. In the meantime, I would ask you to keep up being careful and stay within the restrictions, so that we all get to stay in class until the end of year and all can enjoy the last days of term.

I would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy summer break and I am thankful that the vast majority of children have enjoyed 2 uninterrupted terms in this academic year. Many of the

skills that we have taught your child during both periods of remote learning will stand your child in good stead and moving forward next year.

To the families who are leaving the school community this year for the last year - I would thank you for your support during your children's time at St. Patrick's PS and Nursery – and I wish you all continued success in the days ahead.

Many thanks

Brian Mc Gurk Principal