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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you are all keeping well and that your children have settled well in school over the past few weeks.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on the 13th and 14th November, with some limited appointments being made available outside of these dates. You will be able to book available appointments via your Eolas App and will be informed when the slots are open for booking.

Maths Week

Maths week took place in Lusk JNS on the week of 14th October. Children were encouraged to use their maths eyes in order to look at their environment in a more mathematical way. The children had fun engaging in a number of additional mathematical activities during the week.

Optional Uniform Day

Trick or Treat for Temple Street

We invite the children to dress up in a Halloween costume on Friday 25th October (the day before the mid-term break). Dress up is optional. Children may wish to make a small donation of €1/2 on this day. All money will go towards supporting the "Trick or Treat for Temple Street" campaign.

Parents' Association (PA)

Many thanks to those of you who attended the AGM of the Parents' Association on 8th October. The work of the PA adds to the school in a multitude of ways and we are always grateful to the PA for continually supporting our school activities. Becoming part of the PA also provides an opportunity to meet other parents in the school. If you are interested in helping with the PA, either on a regular or irregular basis, please email luskparentsassociation@gmail.com.

Literacy

Power Hour

The 1st Classes have started literacy power hour, which will continue until Christmas. Having become used to the process in Senior Infants, the children have settled well into the routine of the stations of Power Hour this term. The children in Senior Infants will start literacy Power Hour during the second term, after Christmas.

Buddy Reading

Following on from last year's success, we are delighted to have the Transition Year (TY) pupils from Lusk Community College join us each Friday to engage in buddy reading with our 2nd class pupils. Both the 2nd class pupils and the TY students gain so much from the experience. I know the children in our school very much look forward to the older students visiting and reading with them each week. Thank you to Lusk CC for liaising with the Junior School and for making such positive initiatives possible.

Comprehension

As a school, Lusk JNS is focusing on the development of Comprehension strategies as part of its school improvement plan. The pupils have made gains in terms of their reading levels over the past few years. The school, as a whole, now wishes to focus on the area of comprehension skills in order to build on the pupil's understanding of what they are reading. Each stream will be engaging in a number of specific targeted lessons over the next few months in order to support the development of these skills.

Wellbeing

The school is also continuing this year with its plan for wellbeing in pupils; specifically the promotion of resilience in pupils and improving peer relations. The school started its well being project during the last school year and will continue to develop its plan this year. Please click on the 'School Self Evaluation' tab under 'Parents' on the school website for more information in relation to the specific goals and targets of the school's wellbeing plan.

School Access and Parking

Many thanks to you all for following the procedures at morning drop off and pick up. As previously relayed, there is, unfortunately, no available parking available during the morning drop off period because of the sheer volume of people accessing the campus at the same time. Many thanks for your understanding and ongoing cooperation in this matter.

Shoe Box Appeal

Lusk JNS is participating the annual Christmas Shoe Box appeal for Team Hope this year. In the event that you would like to participate, a leaflet has been sent home with your child that gives details of what can be included in the box. Participation in the Shoe Box appeal is not mandatory. However, if you wish to take part, the Christmas boxes can be left to the office on or before Friday 8th November.

Healthy Eating

I would like to thank you all for supporting the healthy eating policy in school. Children may bring a small treat to school on a Friday if they so wish. Please remember, however, that children should not bring nut containing sweets to school on a Friday, nor should they bring chocolate spread sandwiches, due to the presence of nuts in some chocolate spreads. We would also ask that you refrain from sending in peanut butter sandwiches. All classrooms in the school must remain nut free due to allergies.

Communication with Class Teacher

If you have an issue of concern or a sensitive issue in regard to your child that you would like to discuss with your child's teacher, please feel free to make an appointment for a phone call or for a meeting, either by calling the office or by email. You will get a chance to meet your child's teacher(s) at the Parent Teacher Meetings in November. However, if something urgent comes up before this time, you can arrange a phone conversation/meeting. Please remember not to include very personal information in emails.

Dates for the Diary:

Friday 25th October: Dress Up Day

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November: School Closed for Mid-Term Break

Friday 8th November: deadline for Christmas boxes if you are participating in the Shoe Box appeal

Week of 11th November: Parent Teacher Meetings

Kind regards,

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Principal Lusk JNS St MacCullin's