



MID TERM BREAK

The school will be closed from **Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November** inclusive for Mid Term Break. School will reopen on Monday 4th November.

USED CLOTHING COLLECTION

The school will hold a **Used Clothes Collection on Tuesday, 15th October**. As usual no pillows, cushions, duvets, towels etc are acceptable. On the day, leave all filled bags in the shed beside the school for collection. Your co-operation would be very much appreciated since in view of the rising costs in heating/electricity all fundraising opportunities are vital again this year.

SWIMMING

Swimming for **1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th class** pupils will commence on **Friday, 18th October**. A payment link has been sent to enable online payment. Please remember to bring swimming gear to school as well as a plastic bag to put wet items in afterwards. School tracksuit may be worn to school on swimming days. Pupils may bring a small snack to eat on the bus afterwards.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The children have created their own **Christmas Cards**. These will be printed professionally and will be available to purchase online. Further details to follow.

FLU VACCINATION

On 24th October, members of the Local Pharmacy Group will visit the school at 12:00 noon until 1:30pm to administer the Flu Vaccine to any pupils who have registered online. If you intend having your child vaccinated, **you must register online by 9am on 7th October**. The link is:

<https://app.hashealth.com/booking/mayors-walk-local-pharmacy/service/firoda-holycross-ns>

Should you have any questions then please contact: flu@localpharmacy.ie

ACTIVE COMMITTEE

The following pupils make up our Active Committee for the school year 2024/25: Bronagh Nolan, James Dunne, Charlie Rainbow, Lucas Rainbow, Anna Dunne, Jenna Coady, Paul Coady, Lonnóg Hurley, Edward Farrell and Sam Fortune.

AMBER FLAG COMMITTEE

The following are the members of our Amber Committee for school year 2024/25: Jonathan Walsh, Anna Ciesielczuk, Katie Shore, Rhys Hetherington, Darragh Nolan, Eoghan Jackman, Bláithín Hurley, Eimear Brennan, Lily Wallace and Cadence Griffin.

MMR VACCINATION

The schools nurse will visit the school on Wednesday, 13th November to administer MMR Vaccinations to the Junior Infant pupils.

TEAM HOPE

Your child has been given a leaflet with details of the **Christmas Shoebox Appeal** which is an annual campaign sending gift filled shoeboxes to children affected by poverty in Africa and Eastern Europe. The process is explained in the leaflet. All shoeboxes must be dropped to the **local library in Castlecomer before Monday 4th November 2024**. More labels available from the school should you require them. ***** (Please do not leave shoeboxes to the school)**

HALLOWEEN DISCO & PARTY

Pupils may wear their Halloween costumes to school on **Thursday, October 24th**. As part of our Fundraising Activities it has been decided that on that day, the school will hold a **Halloween Disco & Games**. This will take place during the school day and will be supervised by the class teachers at all times. Since this will be part of our Fundraising Drive, pupils are asked to bring €5 each to go towards the cost of treats etc.

FIRST COMMUNION DATE

First Holy Communion for the current second class will be held on 18th May 2025.

CHRISTMAS PLAY

Our Christmas Play Night will be held in the school at 7pm on Thursday, 19th December. Further details to follow.

CHRISTMAS ANNUALS

It is Christmas Annual time again! The cost will be €2.50 per annual. The annuals available are:

Carnival (Junior & Senior Infants), Fairground (1st & 2nd Class), Parade (3rd & 4th Class), Festival (5th & 6th Class)

To minimise the flow of cash through the school, a payment link will be set up by the company supplying the annuals, for ordering. This link will be sent to all parents as soon as we receive it.

SPORT

A number of Firoda pupils past and present were involved in great wins for Erin's Own recently with one match yet to be played.

Erin's Own boys u16 hurlers won the Roinn A final ...the camogie girls won the Roinn A u14 final and shield final and the u14 boys are also in a final. The girls also won the u16 football and the u14's are in a final this month too.

The **u14 boys** involved are Eddie Owens, Lucas Rainbow, Fionn Meagher, John Brennan and Max Brennan.

The **u16 boys** were: John Brennan, Jack Holden, Eoin Brennan, Sam Coogan, Tristan Daly, Dylan Brennan, Jamie Cahalan, Ciarán Meally, Leo Hogan, Rory Bollard and Liam Lacey.

U14 girls were: Aoibhín Brennan, Caoimhe Daly, Muireann Meagher, Gráinne Meagher, Ailbhe Owens, Holly Abbot, Molly Ryan Walsh, Eilís Bollard and Lily Dunne.

Well done to all involved!