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Dear Parents,

Library Visit: 1st & 2nd class had a wonderful visit to Miltown Library on Wednesday for the Children's Book Festival 2023. They met author Erika McGann who read from her popular series, Cass and the Bubble Street Gang. They enjoyed storytelling, games and a fairytale quiz and learned all about where book ideas come from. Thank you to parents who provided lifts.

B.O.M. Parent Nominees: letters went home this week inviting parents to join our B.O.M. as a parent nominee. Parent nominees bring a mother's and father's view to board discussions and play a very important role on the board. Please return consent forms before October 25th if you would like to be considered for the role.

Maths Week: we have had a great time this week making Maths more fun with lots of activities and games. Keep an eye on our website for some lovely pictures.

Football Blitz: pupils from 3rd to 6th class have been invited to take part in a football blitz on Wednesday next, October 25th in Miltown Malbay from 10:30am for 2 hours. The blitzes will be for both boys and girls with the intention of providing the children the opportunity to play small-sided games in a non-competitive and fun environment. The focus is on skill development and enjoyment and the blitzes will be suited to all levels of interest and ability. Please let us know if you can provide lifts on the day.

Parent-Teacher meetings: we will hold our parent teacher meetings on Monday November 20th. More details to follow after midterm.

Punctuality: Please try to ensure that your child is in school by 8:50 am and is collected promptly at 1.30 / 2.30pm. Arriving or being collected late can be distressful for children.

Attendance: We were delighted to see such great attendance this September & October. Please remember 20 days absent is the equivalent of missing a whole month of school! If your child is absent, please send in a note to explain the absence. When we record the roll on our online system we need to give a reason for absence (e.g. illness, family reason etc.).

While it is very important that you do not send your child to school if they are sick, we want to emphasise the importance of attendance wherever possible.

Swimming: We are really enjoying our block of swimming lessons. We have seen great improvement, especially in many of our new swimmers. Well done to all! We will have our last swim session next Thursday, October 26th.

Coast Guard Visit: The Doolin Coast Guard will be visiting us on Monday morning (all going well & no emergencies come up). They will be giving a water safety talk to the whole school & showing the pupils some of their equipment & gear.

Christmas Cards: The C word in October, sorry!! We will be sending home samples of the children's Christmas cards next week. The cost will be €9 per pack, payable when ordering.

Halloween: Don't forget next Friday will be a non-uniform day and we encourage the children to dress up in their Halloween costumes where possible.

Dates for your Diary:

Midterm Halloween Break - closed Monday Oct. 30th to Friday Nov. 3rd

Parent Teacher Meetings - Monday Nov. 20th

Christmas Concert - Friday Dec. 8th

Kind regards,

Nicola Sheehan 