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Dear Parents,

<u>St. Patrick's Day Parade</u>: we are hoping to enter in the St. Patrick's Day parade this year on Sunday, March 17th. The theme this year is 'Sporting Heroes and Traditions'. So get your thinking caps on and we will hold a parade meeting next Monday night, February 19th at 8pm in the school, all are welcome.

<u>County Photos</u>: all photo proofs have been given out now and County Photos will be collecting the orders on Tuesday morning, February 20th. This is also the closing date for the online orders if that is how you prefer to order.

<u>Cash for Clobber</u>: thank you to everyone who brought in bags for our collection. We collected a super 380kg of clothes.

<u>Psychology Study</u>: our psychologists will be coming to school on the 23^{rd} & 27^{th} of February to carry out their study. They are only working with children in 2^{nd} - 6^{th} class and they will only be with them for 10-15 minutes in total. We are looking forward to finding out if we work quicker alone or in a pairs.

<u>Féile Luimnigh</u>: a big well done and congratulations to all our pupils who took part in Féile Luimnigh in Mungret College this year. Rineen N.S. really had a wonderful representation and Mrs. O'Reilly was so delighted with everyone's hard work & performance. So a big well done to Ríona Molohan, Cara Molohan, Lauren Hamilton, Cian Coughlan, Ellie Hayes, Gerry Finucane, Elsie Keightley, Fiadh Strefford, Robyn Cunningham, Niamh Carey, Chloe Coughlan, Shane Crowley, Amelia Cunningham, Karen Carey, Lily Murphy, Siobhán O'Keeffe, Ciallann Vaughan & Úna O'Connell.

<u>Ash Wednesday</u>: thank you to Ann Downes who called to the school today to distribute ashes to our teachers & pupils.

<u>Retreat</u>: the retreat for our 6^{th} class pupils organised by Fr.Donagh will take place on Thursday, March 7^{th} in the Community Centre in Miltown Malbay. The pupils can be dropped there for 9am and picked up again at 1pm. Lunch will be provided.

<u>Open Day for New Junior Infants</u>: our Open Day will take place on Thursday, February 29th between 1 - 2pm. Spread the word!!

<u>Hot Lunches</u>: we have been given the go ahead to provide free hot lunches in Rineen NS from April 2024 if there is an interest from our school community. The Lunchbag are the company who will be delivering the hot lunches daily. The Lunchbag cater for allergens, dietary & cultural requirements. You will download an App and place your order up to 36 hours in advance. This is already up and running in a lot of schools in Clare, Rockmount NS have it up and running since April 2023 and have a 100% uptake. More details to follow in the coming weeks but please do let me know if this is something you would like to avail of via email at principal@rineenschool.com

Dates for your Diary:

Mid-Term Break - February 15 $^{\rm th}$ & 16 $^{\rm th}$ - closed

6th Class retreat - March 7th

St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday - March 18th - closed

Kind regards,

Nicola Sheehan ©