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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to everyone after the midterm break. We hope you all enjoyed the week off.
Please see the following notes for your attention:

Return of Nasal Flu Vaccine Forms
Reminder to please return the nasal flu vaccine forms to the school by this Thursday 5th November. The date for the administration of the nasal flu vaccines has been confirmed for Friday 4th December.

Vaccinations for Junior Infants
We are sending home consent forms today for the administration of vaccinations to Junior Infants, including the routine 4 in 1 and MMR vaccines. Further information on the vaccines can be found at www.hse.ie. Please return these consent forms indicating whether your child will be receiving the vaccination or not. The vaccinations will be administered in the school next Wednesday 11th November.

Voluntary Contribution 2026/27
The school are requesting a **contribution of €35 per pupil**. This amount goes towards the cost of art supplies, photocopying and Pupil Personal Accident Insurance. We have now moved Way2Pay over to our new school and have sent a link to all families today.

Music Generation
Niko and Christina from Music Generation will continue to visit the school every Monday for the rest of the school year to work with all classes.

School Photos-Monday 9th November
County Photos will visit the school next Monday 9th November to take professional photos of all students. These will be in individual, family and group settings. The purchase of these photos is not obligatory. Please let us know by email, by this Friday 6th November, if you do not wish for your child to be photographed.

School Closed next Tuesday 10th November
School will be closed next Tuesday 10th November for a whole staff in-service day in relation to the redeveloped Primary Curriculum.

Cycle Right Training-5th & 6th Class
Cycle Right training will begin this Thursday 5th November for 4 weeks for children in 5th & 6th Class. This training will cover essential safety and competence skills such as bike handling, correct use of helmets, bike safety checks and how to navigate in various road environments. The last lesson on 26th November will involve an instructor led cycle, details of this will be confirmed closer to the date.

Parent-Teacher Meetings 18th & 19th November

Parent-Teacher meetings will be held in the school on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November. These meetings will take place during school time unless the "Work to Rule" measures are lifted in the meantime. We will be sending out appointment times later this week to all families.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for pupils in *Senior Infants, 1st Class, 4th Class and 5th Class* will begin in Aura Leitrim Leisure, Carrick-on-Shannon on **Tuesday 24th November** and will run every Tuesday for **4 weeks. The total cost per pupil is €44 for four weeks and the increased costs will be paid by school funds**. A link via Way2Pay has been sent to families.

Student Council

There was great excitement in the school before we finished for the midterm break as elections took place for our new Student Council for Ardcarne Parish Primary School. Congratulations to Alfie, Amelia, Conor, Croidhe, Kate, Katelyn, Lucy, Maisie and Thomas on their new student council roles and thank you once again to Ms Brennan for overseeing the process.

The first student council meeting took place this morning, where the group met with representatives from the An Taisce Safe Routes to School team. They held a discussion giving their feedback on travelling safely to school and what our school has in place to support this initiative.

Shoe Box Appeal

The school are partaking in the shoe box appeal this year. Anybody interested in donating a shoe box, please bring it to the school by next Thursday, November 12th. More details can be found on https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/. If anyone would like an information flyer sent home, please let us know.

Kind regards,

Cian Duffy

Principal

Ardcarne Parish Primary School