



I trust you are having an enjoyable weekend. Some News to bring to you all this evening below:

### **Snow!!!**

The Excitement was real this week when we had snow at the Courtenay!!



### **Grandparents and Family Day**

Next week is Catholic Schools Week across Ireland. Part of the activities for that week each year in schools, is to hold a celebration for grandparents. We are aware, that for many different reasons, some children's grandparents may not be able to attend this celebration. If this is the case, we would love to see any of the family members of the children attending the celebration on the day. This year, we will hold "Grandparents and Family Day" on the last week of February (exact date to be confirmed). More details closer to the time.

## Assemblies are back!!

We had such a fun time on Friday last when 2<sup>nd</sup> class and 6<sup>th</sup> class hosted our first school assemblies of this year. We celebrated lots of great news from all classes, we were entertained by both classes and we found out lots of interesting information about what's happening in all classes.



Mrs. Gilliard also presented attendance awards to two boys who were **H**ere, **E**very Day, **R**eady and **O**ntime, Attendance Heros!!:



### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

Parent Teacher Meetings for Ms. O'Sullivan, Ms. Fitzgerald and Ms. Murphys classes will be held in February. A message will be sent to parents in those classes about these in the coming week.

### **Cycling for 5<sup>th</sup> Class**

5<sup>th</sup> Class will be participating in a cycling initiative over the coming weeks. Training started on Thursday last when the trainers met with 5<sup>th</sup> Class. Thank you to Mrs. Gilliard, HSCL for organizing this.

### **Parents Association News**

We had a great turn out for the information session for parents on Monday last week. Thank you to all parents who attended.

#### **AGM**

An AGM of the parents association will be held in the coming weeks and the school tracksuit, as well as other priorities will be discussed at that meeting.

#### **School Tracksuit**

Earlier this year, our school tracksuit had been identified by our Parents Association as something that may need to be reviewed. This had been discussed at a Board of Management meeting and it was felt that as this is a change that impacts all families, that all parents should complete a survey.

Regardless of whether you feel the tracksuit should be changed or not, we are asking that all parents click on the following link to complete a very short survey: [School Tracksuit Survey](#).

### **Digital Learning**

The New Primary Curriculum Framework has identified "Being a digital learner" as an important focus for Primary School Children. "Being a digital learner" supports children to become curious, creative, confident, and critical users of digital technology. Teaching children to be active digital citizens throughout their childhood, in an age appropriate way supports them to develop as responsible, respectful, safe, and ethical users of technology.

Our Parents Association have also asked the school to look into promoting Digital Citizenship. In response to this request, we are asking that you save two dates that we have coming up: Safer Internet Day: Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> when we will invite parents to visit the school for Digital Citizenship Day.

## A lovely Random Act of Kindness

When Senior Infants went for Hot Chocolate before Christmas, they went to pay before they left and a stranger had paid for their treat!!! We thought that this random act of kindness was well worth sharing with you all...our boys were so proud that someone acknowledged how well behaved they were on the day!! If you know who it is, please tell them that they made our day!!!

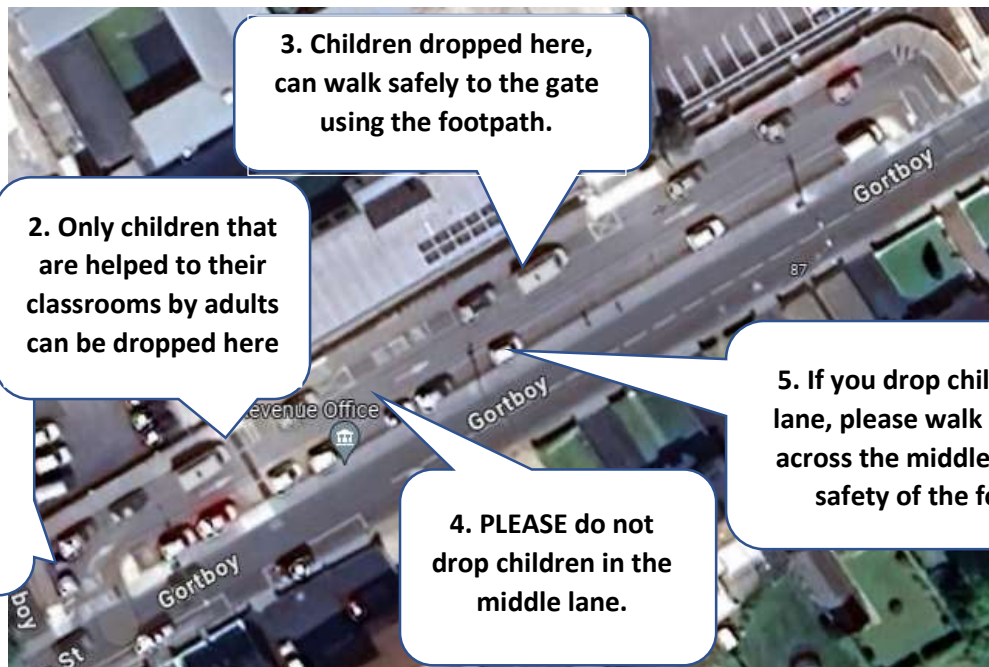


## ANOTHER LITTLE REMINDER:

### Safety when it is busy in the drop-off and collection area

Just another little reminder of a few points to note *when it is busy in the drop-off and collection area*:

1. At busy times, we would ask you not to park or set-down on the left as you enter the drop-off area. This blocks some of the busses getting through.
2. We would be most grateful if the drop-off area right outside the children's pedestrian gate could be used only by children who are helped to their classrooms by an adult. Please move away from this area as soon as you child has been met by an adult.
3. The safest place to drop children is the lane nearest the school, above the bus spaces. Children dropped here can get out of the car at the footpath side and walk safely to the gate.
4. Please drive slowly through the drop-off and set-down area and never stop to drop children in the middle lane. This lane is for moving cars only.
5. When you are using the lane nearest the road, please ensure that your child is accompanied safely to the gate or the footpath outside the school wall.



1. Try not to park or set down here

2. Only children that are helped to their classrooms by adults can be dropped here

3. Children dropped here, can walk safely to the gate using the footpath.

4. PLEASE do not drop children in the middle lane.

5. If you drop children in this lane, please walk them safely across the middle lane to the safety of the footpath.