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Theme for School Year 2018 – 2019
“Childhood is a journey, not a race”

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27th September 2018

Dear Parent/ Guardians,

Dates to note:-

<u>29th September:</u>	Ruth Earley Social.
<u>4th October:</u>	School Photography by County Photos. Do This in Memory Parent Meeting @ 8pm, St. Joseph's Centre.
<u>5th October:</u>	Visit by Fire Officer – 3 rd Class.
<u>7th October:</u>	Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion Pupils – 10.15am. St. Joseph's Church, Leitrim Village.
<u>11th October:</u>	Tin Whistle Lessons commence.
<u>13th October:</u>	P.A. Social Night, Leitrim Marina Hotel.

Do this in Memory

A special meeting for the parents of all second class pupils preparing for the sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on **Thursday 4th October in St. Joseph's Centre** (beside the church), Leitrim Village. A list of dates for Do This in Memory masses will be drawn up at that meeting and parents and children will be asked to take on duties such as the readings and prayers of the faithful at these masses. This is a very important meeting and every pupil should have a parent there to represent them.

An Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion will take place on **Sunday 7th October** in St. Joseph's Church, Leitrim Village.

Book Rental Fees

Thank you to all the families that have paid this year's book rental. Reminders have been sent to families who still need to pay this fee. If any family would like to pay by instalments please contact the school and we can arrange this. Fees for this school year must be paid in full this school year.

School Photographs 2018

County Photos will come to the school on **Thursday 4th October** to take family photographs. A class photograph of Junior Infants and 6th Class will also be taken. As in previous years a small sample photograph will be forwarded to you with the price list and ordering details. Please make sure your child/children wear the correct school uniform on that day.

Parents Association:

The Parents Association will hold a fundraising Social Night on **Saturday 13th October** in the Marina Hotel, Leitrim Village. Tickets cost €10 each. As this will be the main fundraising event for this year please support. See note below from the PA and find tickets attached.

Parent/Teacher Meetings 2018

This year all parent teacher meetings will take place during the week commencing Monday 22nd October. The school will **close @ 2.45pm on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th October** for pupils in 1st – 6th class as the majority of meetings will take place on these evenings. Every parent will be allocated a max of 10 minutes per meeting. It is very important to avoid long delays for others that every parent/guardian obeys this 10 minutes per meetings. Please knock on the classroom door and enter at your appointed time. Should either a parent or teacher require longer than 10 minutes another meeting will be scheduled. Your child's teacher will be in contact with you regarding meeting times at a later stage.

As previously advised, if you wish to meet with your child's teacher please contact the school to make an appointment. Likewise if a teacher wishes to speak to a parent/guardian he/she will telephone for an appointment.

School Homework Journals are an important part of the home school communications. Please use the journal for notes to teachers. Teachers will do likewise.

CLÁR Funding

The BOM received more CLÁR Funding last week. This money will be spent on developing a Junior playground/play area. The BOM have met with the Parents Association and Enda McKiernan and discussed a master plan for the school yard/grounds as developed by Enda McKiernan. This plan will be a long term project. You will be given an opportunity to view this plan at the PA social night.

Parking outside the school Bus Parking Space

Please do not park in the bus space any morning from 9am to 9.30am and again any afternoon from 2.55pm to 3.10pm. Please obey the yellow box at the main gate and do not park in this area either. Parking is very limited at the school and many parents park in the village and walk the final part of the journey to school. Thank you for this. Please take extra care every morning and afternoon to ensure you park responsibly. Please do not leave cars running and please do not reverse out onto the road. This is in the interest of every child's safety, including yours. Thanking you in advance for your co-operation in relation to this matter.

Date of next Communication Letter: Thursday 18th October. Any notices for inclusion should be e-mailed to the school by 12 noon on Tuesday 16th October.

Yours sincerely

RICHELLA KELLY
PRINCIPAL

PARENTS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

The Parents Association are holding their school fundraiser in the **Leitrim Marina Hotel, Leitrim Village on Saturday 13th October 2018 at 10pm**. This will be a social night where members of the school and local community along with those from the surrounding areas can meet for a night out. The Leitrim Marina Hotel has kindly sponsored the DJ and will also provide finger food. The price of tickets are **€10** and we are hoping that all families attending Leitrim Village National School will be able to support our event. Please find your tickets attached. The Parents Association working with Enda McKiernan have developed a long term plan for the school yard. This plan will be shown on the night. Fundraising from this night will be put towards this plan.

Thank you from the Parents Association.

Pauric Keane, Sinéad Dore, Kevin English, Bryan Whitney and Susan McGloin.