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October Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents,


It has been a very busy number of weeks and the school has been a hive of activity since our return on August 30th 2023. We are delighted to see the majority of children settling into the routine of school by now. We of course welcome the arrival of the Mid-Term Break!

Return to School Children may be dropped to school from 8.40am as per group drop off time. Please do not drop your child to school before this time. If your child is unwell or sick, please keep them at home.

Admissions/Enrolment We will be accepting enrolments for September 2024 shortly. Our Teacher allocation is solely dependent on the number of students we have on roll and this of course impacts on the way classes are decided. If there are families in the area with school-going children please spread the word.

Uniform The new PE uniform is available to purchase in Dan Fitzgeralds, Tralee. The old uniform can still be worn on PE days and the Parents' Association has a stock of these if needed. Please contact the school on 066 713 5633.

Policy Updates: We have recently reviewed a number of policies which are available from the school if requested. The Child Protection and Admissions were reviewed and ratified at a BOM meeting last Monday 23rd October. Please see the



attached notification. Our Whole School English plan was also updated in line with the changes to the English scheme we are now using.

SSE (School Self Evaluation) After the mid-term break, two spelling surveys, (one parent and one child) will be sent to all families to complete. We would appreciate it, if all families would complete these, as it allows us to continuously improve our teaching and learning as part of our SSE.

English Curriculum Evaluation Report This report can be accessed on <https://www.gov.ie/en/school-report/5obpc1-/>

Parent Teacher Meetings Parent Teacher meetings will take place in November. More information to follow after the Mid-Term Break.

Say Yes to Languages All children from 3rd-6th are involved in this wonderful initiative until Christmas with Spanish Teacher Aileen Pierse.

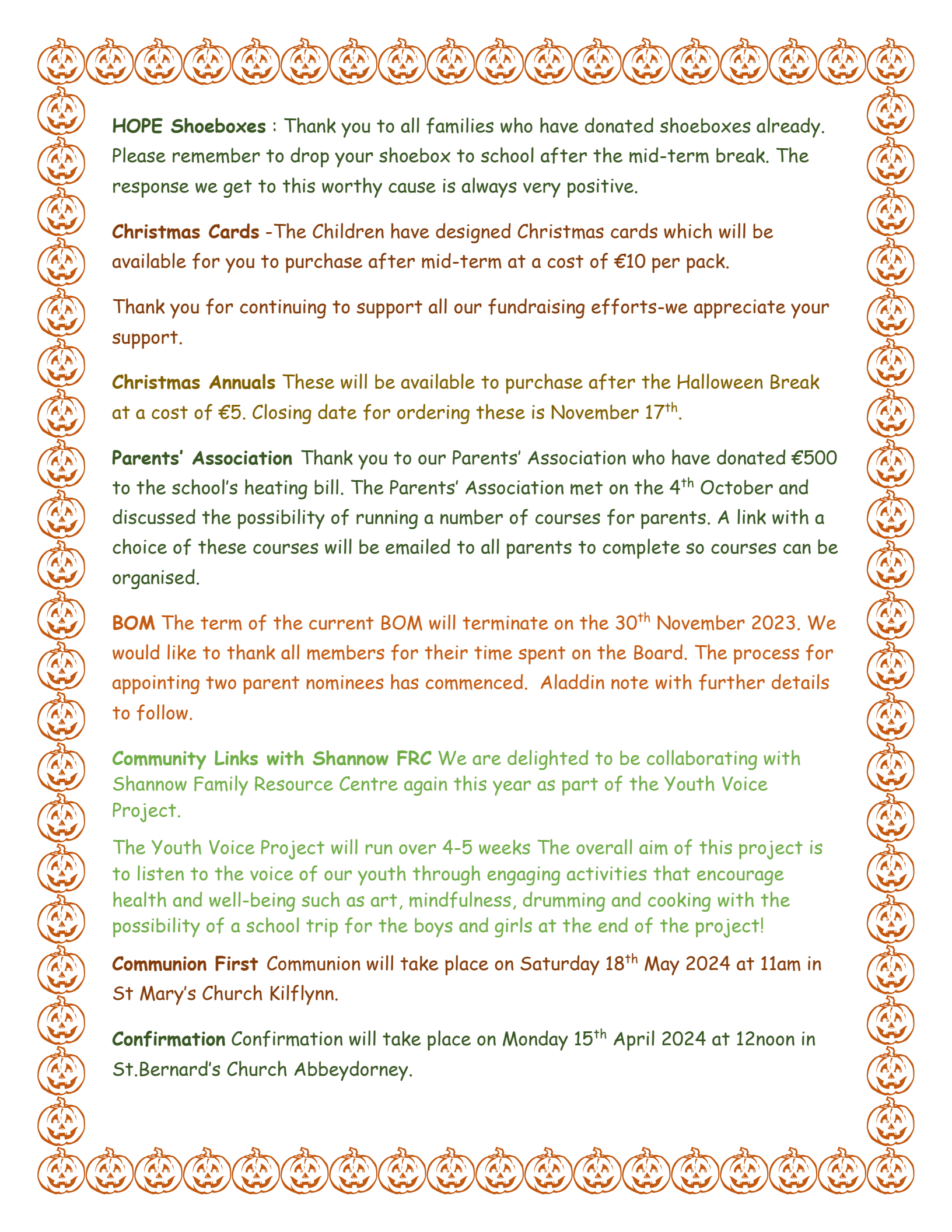
Science Award We are delighted to have won first place in the Ocean Explorers Science Award. This is a huge testament to the work and dedication of pupils, staff and the wider community.

After School Music Classes These will continue with Nicole Doyle after Mid-Term at a cost of €5.

The Lunch-Bag App Children can continue to order their lunch from the Lunch-Bag App. Feedback from the Parents' Association was that parents are delighted with this new addition to our school.

School Website The school website is being updated and will be completed after Mid-Term. Parents will be able to access policies and forms once it is up and running.

Fundraising -Clothes Please remember to drop your unwanted clothes and other items as per notice to Crotta GAA before Sunday 6th November. This is a vital fundraiser for our school to help with the huge shortfall of funding from the Department of Education.



HOPE Shoeboxes : Thank you to all families who have donated shoeboxes already. Please remember to drop your shoebox to school after the mid-term break. The response we get to this worthy cause is always very positive.

Christmas Cards -The Children have designed Christmas cards which will be available for you to purchase after mid-term at a cost of €10 per pack.

Thank you for continuing to support all our fundraising efforts-we appreciate your support.

Christmas Annuals These will be available to purchase after the Halloween Break at a cost of €5. Closing date for ordering these is November 17th.

Parents' Association Thank you to our Parents' Association who have donated €500 to the school's heating bill. The Parents' Association met on the 4th October and discussed the possibility of running a number of courses for parents. A link with a choice of these courses will be emailed to all parents to complete so courses can be organised.


BOM The term of the current BOM will terminate on the 30th November 2023. We would like to thank all members for their time spent on the Board. The process for appointing two parent nominees has commenced. Aladdin note with further details to follow.

Community Links with Shannow FRC We are delighted to be collaborating with Shannow Family Resource Centre again this year as part of the Youth Voice Project.

The Youth Voice Project will run over 4-5 weeks The overall aim of this project is to listen to the voice of our youth through engaging activities that encourage health and well-being such as art, mindfulness, drumming and cooking with the possibility of a school trip for the boys and girls at the end of the project!

Communion First Communion will take place on Saturday 18th May 2024 at 11am in St Mary's Church Kilflynn.

Confirmation Confirmation will take place on Monday 15th April 2024 at 12noon in St. Bernard's Church Abbeydorney.



Active Schools This year we are maintaining our Active School status. There will be a number of activities organised throughout the year by the Active School Committee. All children will go on a Halloween Hike(walk) on Friday 27th as part of this process. Please ensure your child/children wear runners, a jacket and hat.

Amber Flag We are continuing with our Amber Flag initiative this year. Children will once again participate in a variety of activities promoting mental health and well-being.

Basketball Basketball Coach David, is working with children from 3rd-6th every Tuesday.

Rugby Rugby Coach Brian 'Tigger' will continue to work with 5th& 6th on Fridays. Timetable to follow.

Hurling Hurling will continue every second Thursday with Giles O Grady for Junior & Senior, First & Second.

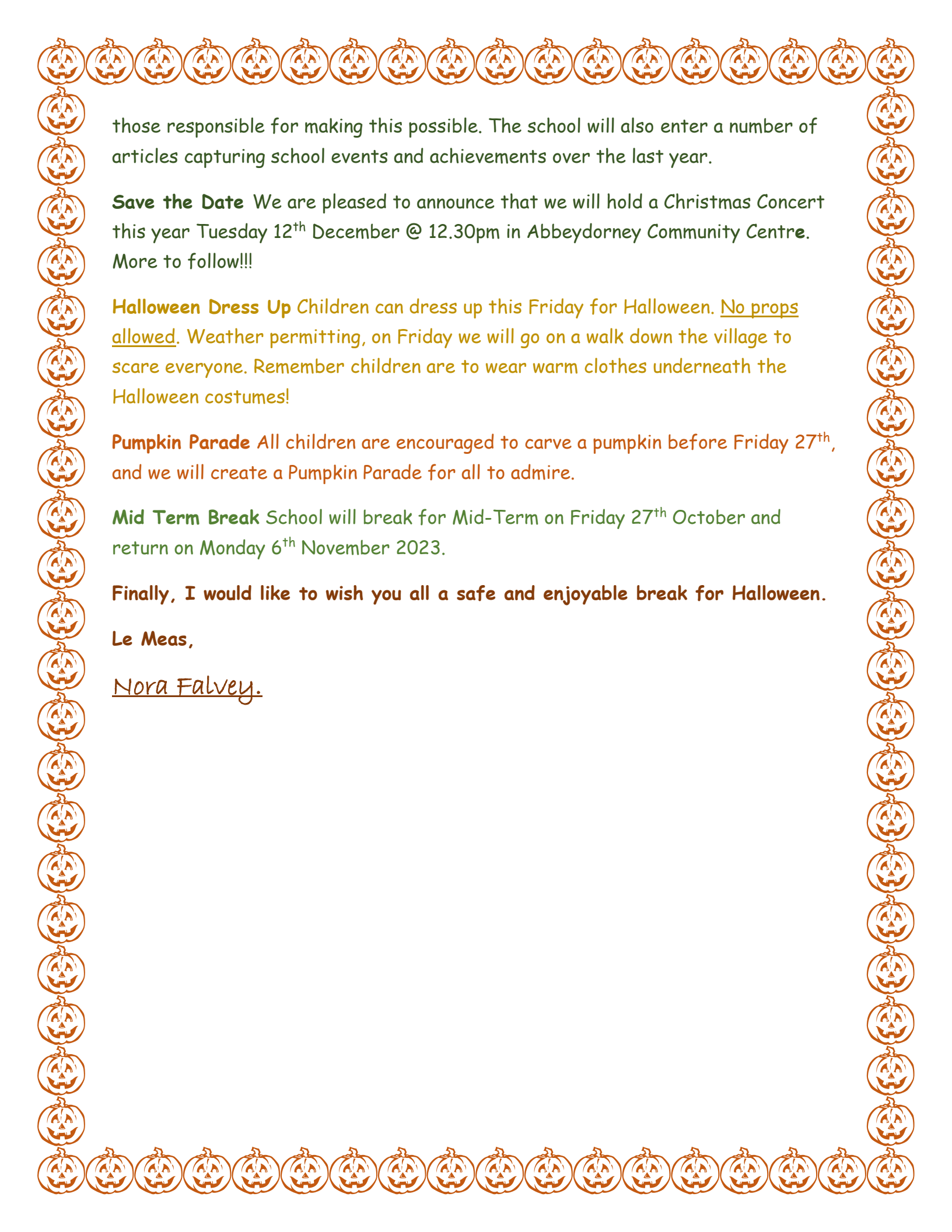
Football We would like to wish John Dillon all the best in his future endeavours and thank him for all his coaching over the last year. Tom Joy will replace John every second Wednesday until Christmas.

Cumann na mBunscol Congratulations to all the boys on the Cumann na mBunscol team who performed exceptionally well in all their games and were unlucky to miss out on a spot in the finals.

Maths Week Maths Week took place last week from Monday 16th to Friday 20th October. All classes participated in extra maths activities throughout the week. Follow us on Facebook to see the highlights of the week. Well done to all those who participated in our daily puzzles!

Science Week This will take place from 13th-18th November with a dress up day on that week. We are hoping to organise a Heritage in Schools science expert to visit the school as part of this event. More information to follow.

Kilflynn Chronicle We are delighted to hear that the Kilflynn Chronicle is back! We are thrilled to be a beneficiary from the sale of the Kilflynn Chronicle and thank all



those responsible for making this possible. The school will also enter a number of articles capturing school events and achievements over the last year.

Save the Date We are pleased to announce that we will hold a Christmas Concert this year Tuesday 12th December @ 12.30pm in Abbeydorney Community Centre. More to follow!!!

Halloween Dress Up Children can dress up this Friday for Halloween. No props allowed. Weather permitting, on Friday we will go on a walk down the village to scare everyone. Remember children are to wear warm clothes underneath the Halloween costumes!

Pumpkin Parade All children are encouraged to carve a pumpkin before Friday 27th, and we will create a Pumpkin Parade for all to admire.

Mid Term Break School will break for Mid-Term on Friday 27th October and return on Monday 6th November 2023.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable break for Halloween.

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Nora Falvey.