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**Dear Parents/Guardians**

A happy new year to all parents and families for 2019. Our teachers and staff thank you for your help and support. Our parent/teacher meetings were a success. There was almost 100% attendance, which proves the interest you as parents have in your boys. I would like to thank you the parents, for encouraging and helping with good discipline and good manners, which your boys bring to school each day. Our pupils' behaviour is very good. I must thank our teachers also.

**Yard supervision begins at 8.40 every day. Could I remind all parents to remain at the barrier and the boys to walk down to the playground.**

St. Stephen's is a busy place with many activities taking place. Recorder classes, drumming classes and dance classes are going very well. Swimming for all boys in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> has started on Thursdays. Swimming for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> will start on March 28<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> classes will begin in May. Many boys in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> are taking part in basketball training and matches.

**Hurling in the school yard will be starting in February for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classes, weather permitting. Indoor hurling blitzes have started.**

Thanks to our teachers for giving so much time to these activities. Chess is running on Tuesdays, thanks to Billy.

Please remember homework Monday to Thursday, being on time, having all materials and books each day. For health and safety reasons scarves and hats with strings should not be brought to school.

Almost all boys are on time for school each day thanks to parents. Those that are late should bring boys to reception to enter the school.

**Please remember that no cars should come onto school grounds as it would be a serious health and safety issue for pupils and staff alike.**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes are preparing for communion and confirmation. Communion date is Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation takes place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

**Please remember for safety reasons that all visitors to our school must report to reception.**

Sincere thanks to all parents and families for your support with our Christmas raffle.

A huge thanks to our wonderful Parents Association for their tremendous support to our school. They are delighted with the response and all these funds will be used to support many school activities - computers, projectors, safe cycling lessons, support for Communion and Confirmation classes.

School will close on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>th</sup> February** for midterm. **School will close on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March for Patrick's Day. Easter holidays begin at 12 o clock on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April.** Our school is working with the New Language Curriculum and there will be a whole staff in-service on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Stay Safe lessons have started again this year.

Planning permission for our new building programme in St. Stephen`s is taking place with Waterford City Council.

Thank you

Mr Morris.

