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Dear Parents,

5th & 6th class will take part in the VEX IQ Robotics competition in DELL this Thursday 29th. The bus will leave Anglesboro school at 7:45am. We should return to school for approx. 3pm and children will hopefully be back in time for the school bus. Please have someone prepared to collect your child in case we are slightly delayed coming home from Limerick. We will keep you updated via text. A €15 payment link for the trip will be sent today for this. Please ensure your child has returned their 2 consent forms as they will need these to take part in the event on the day. Your child will also need a packed lunch.

Thank you to all parents who have helped out with our Saint Brigid's crosses fundraiser to date. More help is needed in making crosses and cutting rushes. This fundraiser has been a great success over the past 10 years and it has ensured we have been able to subsidise school tour costs and swimming costs for parents. Without this fundraiser, we would have to review whether we can attend swimming lessons this year and whether we can continue with this activity going forward.

All children will be making St Brigids crosses in school on Friday for art. This is separate to our fundraiser. If you can, please send rushes to school with your child.

Memory Lane photography visited the school last week. We will be sending home proofs of photos in the coming weeks and will be in touch with information on ordering.

We are looking forward to hosting A Night of Pastries and Chocolate with Norma Kelly on February 28th. There will be a Cheese & Wine reception on the night followed by music by Paul Frewen. Tickets are €30. A payment link will be sent to parents today for those who may be interested in attending. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Ms Quirke has been getting on very well on Teaching Practice in the senior room. Tara will finish up in Ms Lee's classroom on 13th February. Ms Quirke will also carry out a 4 week teaching placement in the infant classroom from 23rd February – 20th March.

The next mass for 2nd class pupils making their First Communion this year takes place on 14th February at 8pm.

5th & 6th class will visit Galbally on 11th February for their annual tag rugby blitz. Children will need football boots and gear for this. A €5 payment link will also be sent for this today.

The Official Opening of our Astroturf will take place on Wednesday 25th March at 11am. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. Following on from our official opening, a "24 hour Ballathon" will kick off at 12pm Wednesday running throughout the night under lights and finishing at 12pm on Thursday. We will be looking for families/groups to take on hourly slots from 3pm on the 25th to 8am on the 26th. Sponsorship cards will also be given to each child and participating group. All funds raised will go towards repaying the €30,000 loan that the school

withdrew from the Credit Union. We will be in touch with more details regarding our Official Opening and slots for our “24 hour Ballathon” at the end of February.

Reminder, school is closed on Monday 2nd February for St Brigids bank holiday. School is closed on 19th & 20th February for the Midterm break. School is closed on Wednesday 25th February for a staff training day. School will also be closed on Friday 6th March for Confirmation.

2nd-6th class will begin ground hurling training each Friday in school. Children will need their helmets in school each Friday for this. We have our own ground hurleys in school that children will be using. We also have spare helmets if any child needs to borrow these. The indoor hurling competition usually takes place in February. Our infants and 1st class will begin hurling later in the year.

I am currently on paternity leave and will return to school on February 17th. Mrs O'Connor is acting up as principal while I am on leave. Ms McCarthy will be covering Mrs O'Connors classroom up until then.

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Seán Kearney