

Family Note No. 23 (14th May 2015).

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please note the following:

1. **Communion Ceremony:** Congratulations to the First Holy Communion candidates and to their teachers and support staff following the very special Communion Ceremony held on Saturday, 9th May in the Church of Christ Our Light. Many thanks again to the volunteers from the PFA who organised and assisted with the post-Communion refreshments in the hall and to the parents of the current First and Third Class pupils who helped by sending in some food items etc. See www.scoilbarra.ie for some lovely photos by Orla Murphy of the very special day.

2. **Books Sales' Day: Thursday, 4th June:** Reminder of the up-coming Books Sales' Day on Thursday, 4th June. We are hoping to issue Book Lists to parents towards the end of this month. This is a once-off opportunity for parents to pay for all Book List Charges and to purchase all workbooks, stationery, etc required for the next school year (*Approx. cost €90-€130 depending on the Class Level*). Parents are again strongly encouraged to avail of this opportunity to purchase/pay for all items listed on the Book Lists. Alternatively, if you yourself cannot attend on the day, you should make arrangements to have some other **adult** present who can do the necessary purchasing/paying for you.

3. **Sciath na Scol Camógie and Hurling Matters:** Congratulations and well done to the boys and girls who competed so gallantly over recent weeks in the annual Sciath na Scol Camógie and Hurling Competitions. There were many close games and lots of determination and skill on display in both codes. The Hurling team in particular was unlucky to miss out on qualification for the final of their section, having contested the semi-final of their competition on the 12th May against Gaelscoil Carraig Uí Laighean. The girls also gave of their best in their Section and acquitted themselves very well in all games. The coaches (Ms. Sheehan, Ms. Smyth, Mr. Collins, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Leen and Mr. Murphy) spoke very highly of the commitment and the enthusiasm of all the players throughout both competitions. *Maith sibh uilig.*

4. **Parking Issues:** Once again, I am appealing to all motorists to comply with the 'No Parking' and 'Set Down Only Area' signs around the school grounds. There are double yellow lines painted at the front of the school and in areas of the Church Yard where parking is strictly prohibited. **The 'Set Down Only Area' in the Church Car Park is just that: a 'Set Down Area': the motorist is expected to pull in to this area, let the child(ren) out of the car, and then pull away without delay as soon as the child(ren) is/are out of the car. You are not to park or 'abandon' your car there as if it is a regular parking area!** If you wish to accompany your child on to the school grounds, please be sensible and park elsewhere around the vast Church Car Park and then get out and walk to accompany your child on to the school grounds.

5. **School Closure: Friday, 22nd May:** *Reminder that the school is closed on Friday, 22nd May, as Scoil Barra has been requisitioned as a Polling Station for the Referenda to be held that day.*

Donal O' Sullivan, Principal.

