

## FAMILY NOTE NO. 25 (9<sup>th</sup> May 2017)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please note the following:

**1. Sun Protection:** Now that the season of summer is upon us, and in our role as a Health Promoting School, we are anxious that children should be protected from the damaging effects of direct sunlight on their sensitive skin. In this regard, we are encouraging parents to ensure that their child(ren) would bring a sun hat to school with them which they may wear during the sunny periods when they are on their Breaks out on the school yard/field.

The following articles provide useful information and suggestions around this important topic:

<https://www.cancer.ie/reduce-your-risk/sunsmart/protect-your-children>

<http://www.meteovista.co.uk/Europe/Ireland/Sunpower-Cork/4416435>

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/lifestyle/healthandlife/parenting/generation-sunsmart-encourages-kids-to-protect-their-skin-from-uv-rays-390248.html>

**2. Website Survey:** We would like to gain some feedback from parents/guardians about our school website. Please complete the short survey which you will find at: [www.scoilbarra.ie](http://www.scoilbarra.ie)

**3. Confirmation Ceremony:** Congratulations and well done to all the Sixth Class Confirmation candidates and to their teachers and support staff for their preparation and involvement in a very special and dignified Confirmation Ceremony on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Monsignor Aidan O' Driscoll, assisted by Fr. George O' Mahony, P.P. and Fr. Cian O' Sullivan, C.C., was very complimentary of the commitment and enthusiasm of all involved. *Maith sibh uilig.*

Sincere thanks once again to the volunteers from the Parents and Friends' Association who did such a fabulous job decorating the school and looking after the customary post-Confirmation 'catering project'. Thanks also to the parents of the current Fifth Class pupils who provided food items etc. for the post-Confirmation party and who helped out with the catering operation on the day also. *Ní neart go cur le chéile!*

Mr. Collins, Ms. Keohane and Ms. Doherty are now enjoying the challenges of re-directing the pupils' attentions to the more mundane substance of the Sixth Class Programme .... all ahead of the Manchester Tour in June!

**4. First Holy Communion Ceremony:** The First Holy Communicants and their teachers are very busy with preparations for the First Holy Communion Ceremony which takes place on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 a.m. in the Church of Christ Our Light. We wish them all well as we look forward to another very special ceremony and hopefully the sun will continue to shine on us all that morning! ***Please note the contents of the appeal from the Parents and Friends' Association which is also being circulated this week.***

**Donal O' Sullivan, Principal.**