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Dear Parents,

There is so much happening in school over the next week or so that I thought you might find it helpful to have a little list to remind you of what is going on:

- Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, and all children will mark the beginning of Lent with a special Assembly in the Chapel at 9am. Parents are very welcome to attend.
- Friday is an In-Service and Planning Day for staff and the school will be closed to pupils. Swimming classes will be on as normal, and there will be **no** Speech and Drama.
- This Sunday, 1st March, we will have the Family Mass for Children making their First Holy Communion. This will be at 12 Noon in the Parish Church.
- Next week is Seachtain na Gaeilge. We really want to celebrate our own language and make a special effort to use it all week. Events include a Céilí and Ceol Tradisiúnta for children from Rang a Dó upwards, from 7pm till 8pm on next Thursday, 5th March. There is no admission charge to the Céilí. However, I would love to give something small to the musicians who are coming up from Mayo especially to entertain us, so we will put a box at the door, and will appreciate any donation at all that you can afford.

Other events are planned for all classes throughout the week. On Monday, you will receive a useful sheet of phrases as Gaeilge - please do try to use some of them in the car or at home!

- On Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm we will have the Service of Light in the Parish Church for all children making their Confirmation this year. Children from 4th & 5th Class, who will form the choir, should also be present in their school uniforms.
- Special congratulations to the children of Second Class who will make their First Confession in our Chapel on Wednesday next, at 1pm. Parents and friends should meet us in the Chapel at 12.50pm, and the children making their First Confession will join them there with their teacher. 2nd class children may go home afterwards.
- Finally, Thursday 5th March is also World Book Day. Each child will receive a Book Token worth €1.50. These can be exchanged for books at "The Wise Owl", or any participating bookshop, or they may be used in part-exchange for books ordered from our Setanta Book Club catalogue. Miss Geraghty will be organising the distribution of these catalogues within the next few days.

With warm regards,

Sr. Mary Corr
Principal