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## February 2018 Newsletter

**Grandparents Day:** Grandparents Day was held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Thank you to all the Grandparents who came to visit the school. The 6<sup>th</sup> Class children were excellent hosts and looked after the Grandparents very well.

**Child Protection:** The Department of Education & Skills recently published a new circular on Child Protection, circular 81/2017. The Department have instructed schools to take 2 half days inservice to complete work relating to the new procedures. To facilitate this work we will be taking the first of these half days on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and the school will close at 12.30 for pupils.

**Big Breakfast:** It's that time of year again, Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> is the date of the Big Breakfast. This has been a very successful fund raiser in the past & relies on the hard work & good will of very many people. To ensure success we **need** as many parents as possible to lend a hand. We hope as many parents as possible can help out & hopefully many hands will make lighter work. This is also an occasion enjoyed by very many people in the community & it is an opportunity to meet, greet & have a 'cuppa' with our neighbours.

### **Mathletics:**

We are once again subscribed to Mathletics and we would like to thank the Parents Association for funding this. Each child from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class has a password which enables them to access the Mathletics site from school or home & also on PC, Laptop or tablet. We have also subscribed to a similar site for Literacy called 'Reading Eggs'. Like Mathletics for Maths, Reading Eggs covers Literacy areas like Comprehension, Grammar, Phonics, Vocabulary etc. Please encourage your child to have a go as it is a fun way to engage in Maths and Literacy activities & revise content already learned.

**TextaParent:** We would like to remind Parents to download the Textaparent App please. The App enables schools to send texts at a much reduced rate. We would be grateful if Parents would download the App onto your phone for this purpose. If your phone does not facilitate Apps you will still receive a text message. TextaParent is available for both IOS & Android phones.

**Mid-Term:** The school will be closed on this Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> & Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February for Mid-Term.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

Mid – Term: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> & Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Child Protection Half Day – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 12.30

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