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Dear Parents / Guardians,

The following is a list of

- (1) events which will take place in the school during the next couple of months
- (2) School Closures until the end of the School Year

Intercultural Day

Jersey Day and Intercultural Day takes place tomorrow Thursday 29th April 2010. Children can wear a Football Jersey or they can choose to wear outfits from their native country. They may bring in Snack Food. No money is required for this.

5 - a side Soccer

The boys will participate in a 5 - a side Soccer Tournament in Irishtown on Wednesday 5th May
The girls will participate in a 5 - a side Soccer Tournament in Irishtown on Friday 7th May

I am sure you will all join with me in wishing Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Rabbitte and both boys and girls teams every success in the upcoming tournaments.

Sportathon

Sponsor Cards will be given out to the children this Thursday 29th April. The sportathon is a very important annual fund raiser for the school . Each year substantial funds are raised to purchase sports and P.E. The funds raised are also used to pay for transporting teams to matches. This year so far we had teams competing in Gaelic Football, Hurling, Camogie and Soccer competitions. Athletics and basketball trips are yet to come. All trips away to competitions are paid for by the funds raised in the Sportathon. We would ask you all to support this fundraiser

Sportathon days are as follows

- Wednesday 5th May: Fourth Class Sportathon
- Thursday 6th May: Sixth Class Sportathon
- Friday 7th May: Fifth Class Sportathon
- Monday 10th May: Third Class Sportathon

Principal: RICHARD WALSH
Deputy Principal: CLODAGH WHAN

Confirmation

Confirmation takes place on Friday 14th May. The children will be confirmed by Fr Frank Heron our Parish Priest. St. Mark's P.T.A. will be hosting a reception after the ceremony in the school Hall.

Confirmation Photos

The Photographer will come to the school to take photographs of the Confirmation children on Thursday 20th May. Further details to follow.

Swimming

The children from Ms Feeney's 3rd Class and Mr Barker's 5th Class will commence swimming in Tallaght Leisure Centre on Friday 14th May

Sports Days

This year we will be holding our Sports Days over two days.

- 3rd & 4th Class Sports Day: Thursday 3rd June
- 5th & 6th Class Sports Day: Friday 4th June

The Sports Day will commence at 9.30 sharp each day.

Remember: Each standard will have separate Sports Days.

Booklist and Rental and Materials Money

The Book List and the form for Rental and Materials Money will issue shortly. The Rental Money will remain at €50 and you will have the opportunity to pay this by installment.

Maintenance Contribution

The Maintenance Contribution for April is now due. The draw for the €100 will take place on Friday 30th April. It is **€5.00** and it makes a great difference you expect.

Tesco Tokens

As you know we collect Tesco Tokens for Computers for Schools every year and over the years this has enabled us to get extra equipment for our Computer Room. If you shop in Tesco or any of your friends or relatives shop there please send the Tokens into the school. Many thanks for your support.

School Tours

Third Class:	Dublin Zoo	Wednesday 23rd June and Friday 25th June
Fourth Class:	Tour of Dublin	Friday 18th June and Tuesday 22nd June
Fifth Class:	Clondalkin Sport & Leisure	Monday 31May, Tuesday 1st June and Wednesday 2nd June
Sixth Class:	Leisureplex Tallaght & Fort Lucan	Thursday 17th June

Further details and permission slips will be sent out shortly.

St Mark's P.T.A.

The Easter Quiz night in St Mark's GAa Club on Tuesday 23rd March 2010 raised a total of €2,000. St. Mark's P.T.A. will be presenting the Board Of Management with a cheque for €5000 to be spent on Mimio / Ebeams to make the whiteboards in the classrooms interactive. Thanks to all the families who supported the Quiz and Raffle.

School Closures

- Monday 3rd May and Tuesday 4th May, Bank Holiday & 1 Holiday.**
The School will remain closed
- Wednesday 12th May, Staff Meeting. Children will go home at 12 noon***
- Monday 7th June and Tuesday 8th June, Bank Holiday & 1 Holiday.**
School will remain closed
- Wednesday 9th June, Staff Meeting. Children will go home at 12 noon***
- Summer Holidays. School will close at 12 noon Wednesday 30th June.**

Yours sincerely,

Richard Walsh

Principal

Wednesday 28th April 2010