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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is half term - we are already halfway through our school year! On Friday (tomorrow), we have a staff training day (called an INSET day) and school is closed to children. During this time, our whole staff team will be undertaking various training linked to special education needs and inclusion and we have invited various experts to deliver training around a whole range of topics.

Hot Lunches

Quick reminder that lunches need to be ordered via Parent Pay at least two weeks before. Our hot lunches are extremely popular with around 160 children accessing them each day. We have had amazing feedback from the children (chicken goujons and pasta/bolognaise are firm favourites!) If you want to sign your child up for lunches, please follow the instructions on the email sent before Christmas. If you need any support with ordering, please just ask. If you are in receipt of income support, you can access free hot lunches.

Safer Internet Day

This week we celebrated Safer Internet Day where we learnt about how to stay safe online through this year's focus on Scams and Phishing. Children learnt what to look out for and how to identify what might be a scam and how to respond. Across the school we are aware that children are accessing online games, apps and messaging services which can make them vulnerable to scams, phishing and other safeguarding concerns. We recommend using this website to keep up to date with the different games and apps your children may be accessing to ensure you know how to keep them safe online - <https://saferinternet.org.uk/> The website has helpful guides and advice for parents.

Many of the safeguarding issues we deal with come through children's use of the internet and it is vital we work together to keep our children safe.

Winter Reading Challenge

It has been brilliant to see so many children taking part in the Winter Reading Challenge. The final day to hand in the booklets is Monday 24th February. Children who read 6 books will receive a medal and children who read more than 6 books will receive a medal and a special certificate. Good luck!

International Languages Day

We look forward to celebrating **International Languages Day on Friday 28th February**. There will be opportunities for children to take part in various activities throughout the day which will also be followed up by an assembly.

School Uniform

Our school handbook has information about our school uniform. Please note that our PE uniform requires

- Navy PE Shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- School Logo dark blue Sweatshirt
- School Logo light blue Polo Shirt
- Navy or white socks
- Plain white, black or navy blue trainers

<https://www.samares.sch.je/attachments/download.asp?file=453&type=pdf>

Term Dates

You can find the term dates by following the link below. We have a teacher training day (INSET) on Friday 14th February and school will be closed to children on this day.

<https://www.gov.ie/Education/Schools/SchoolLife/pages/termdates.aspx>

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or queries. Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 24th February.

Many thanks,



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