**Mid Term RaLET News**

**PTA Clothing Collection this Friday.**

 Bags of clothes may be left in the bike shed for collection on Friday morning or afternoon. Please don’t bring bags before then as we have no space in the school to store them! The school receives €5.50 per bag.

**Dress up Day**

Also on Friday we’re having our usual ‘Looking Crazy Day’. Children can wear a crazy hairdo or hat or pyjamas etc but please no scary masks! Our chosen charity this year is Gorta who run sustainable projects to help farming in developing countries. We ask pupils to donate €2 on Friday to support this appeal.

**Anti-bullying fortnight:**

After midterm (November 7th – 18th) we will be having our whole school focus on anti–bullying. Children in all classes will be participating in a wide variety of activities to help them to recognise, report and deal with different types of bullying behaviours. Class teachers will be using the anti-bullying lessons from the STAY SAFE programme together with a range of other resources to engage their pupils in this very important issue.  One of our parents, John Handley, will be coming in again to deliver workshops on cyber bullying and cyber safety in general to our senior classes. We hope to include a parent information session on this topic also.

**Healthy Eating and Nutrition Programme**

As you know Niamh Arthurs (Nutritionist) held workshops for pupils in 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes last week and a parent workshop last Thursday night. The feedback from all involved was extremely positive and we hope to have Niamh back again soon to deliver her programme to our other classes. Don’t miss out on the next parent workshop if you missed the last one!

**Book week**

We will have our annual book week from November 28th until Friday 2nd December. This year Scholastic will be supplying the books for our BOOK FAIR which will be here in the school hall all that week. We will have more information nearer the time.

We will have our usual ‘Mystery Reader’ slots so if any parent would like to come into any of our junior classes (Junior Infants – 2nd class) to read a favourite story from their childhood please let your child’s teacher know.

**Lost Property**

Please check for any lost coats, hats, jumpers etc as we will be clearing our collection over the mid-term break!

**Emergency and Medical Forms**

If you still haven’t returned these forms to the school please do so as soon as possible – it is extremely important that we have up to date information on file for your child.

**School closes this Friday for mid-term break at our usual closing times of 1.25pm and 2.25pm and reopens on Monday 7th November. We hope all our families and staff have a well earned rest.**