Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **CONFIRMATION CEREMONY**

The Tracton Parish Confirmation Ceremony was held in St. Patrick's Church, Nohoval last Wednesdsay 3<sup>rd</sup> April. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for making the day so special for the children and their families, especially Canon Murphy, Ms. Horgan, Mr. O'Connell and Conor O'Connell.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 11am in the Sacred Heart Church, Minane Bridge.

## TECHKIDZ: $1^{ST} - 6^{TH}$ CLASSES

Pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> Class upwards will, once again, have an opportunity to participate in Computer Classes which are being run by **Techkidz**. These classes will commence on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** and will be held each **Thursday** thereafter over a course of 8 weeks. The Techkidz.ie programme is tailored to meet the particular requirements of each school and it will give our pupils a fantastic opportunity to significantly build up their skills and learning. Techkidz provides all its own equipment and, as well as being fully qualified teachers and Garda vetted, its staff has extensive experience in the IT Industry. The Parents' Association has kindly offered to subsidise this activity; however there will be a nominal charge of **€10 for each pupil** in 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> **Class**. *The school is facilitating e-payment in respect of this collection*. *You will receive a text tomorrow with related payment advice details*. Alternatively, there is also the option, if you wish, of forwarding the money to your eldest child's class teacher no later than **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**.

### ATHLETICS TRAINING - FIRST TO SIXTH CLASSES

Pupils from the above classes will commence athletics training in May at **Tracton GAA Pitch.** These training sessions are kindly being provided by Tracton Athletic Club and are particularly valuable leading up to the Cork Primary School Sports and the School Sports Day.

#### **CORK CITY SPORTS**

As previously advised, this year's **Cork City Sports** are scheduled to take place on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May** in **CIT.** Parents/guardians of participants will be required to attend. Further details will be furnished at a later stage.

#### WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS

**World Autism Awareness Day** took place on  $2^{nd}$  April. This event is about celebrating and recognising people on the autism spectrum as well as researching and fundraising initiatives which promote inclusivity for people with autism. Further details are available on the *Irish Society for Autism* website: <u>www.autism.ie</u>.

## SCHOOL TOUR

This year's school tour will take place on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May**. Please see attached note for details regarding same.

# PARENTS' ASSOCIATION - UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

 EASTER EGG HUNT – SPONSORED WALK The Parents' Association Annual Easter Egg Hunt /Sponsored Walk will take place this Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April in Tracton Woods at 1.00pm and each child has a sponsorship card. This is a very

important fund raising event and everyone's support would be much appreciated.

• *TABLE QUIZ FUNDRAISER* This will take place on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April** at **8pm** in the **Roberts Cove Inn**. There will be music and finger-food. A great night is guaranteed so please come along!

#### EASTER HOLIDAYS

Please note that school will close at 12.30pm this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April for the Easter holidays and will re-open on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours faithfully,

Con O'Callaghan School Principal Enc. 09/04/19