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7 April 2022

Good morning parents,

### **Weekend activity in our school forest:**

I am delighted to share the above recording from the 'Forest Camera'.

### **Smart watches:**

On the subject of technology, I have noticed several children wearing smart watches to school. Unfortunately, we have had experience of pupils using the camera to record what is happening in class and uploading it to social media sites. Therefore, Smart watches with camera/recording functionality are not permitted in school.

### **Health alert:**

This week we have had cases of pupils coming to school with **rashes and/or high temperatures**. We currently have members of staff working across the school who are deemed medically vulnerable and they are not to be in contact with children exhibiting the above. Please work with us on this and keep your child at home if he/she has a high temperature or rash. **We also need parents to keep their children at home if they have confirmed chicken pox, slap cheek or scarlet fever or associated symptoms.**

### **Trocaire appeal:**

We are holding a raffle in each class next week to raise funds for Trocaire. Tickets will be sold on Monday and Tuesday and the prize will be an Easter Egg. Tickets will be £1. There is an air of Easter excitement in school and we thank Mrs Burns for decorating the forest, there will be fun Easter events in school next week, made all the more atmospheric because of her efforts.

### **Palm Sunday:**

And finally. This Sunday, we celebrate Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week in our church. The children have heard all about it in school but it would be wonderful if your child could attend mass this weekend to be part of the very meaningful liturgy. Throughout next week we will be



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sharing the story of Easter with our children, it is our great privilege to support you in the work that you do at home to nurture their faith.

We also had the pleasure this week of talking to several of our Muslim pupils about their experiences of Ramadan which began on Friday 1st April and will end on Sunday 1st May.

Best wishes to you all for the weekend

*Mrs Monaghan*

***Please note that school closes next Thursday at 12.00 for Easter holidays, we reopen on Monday 25th April. The holidays for 2022/23 have also been posted on the school calendar on the website.***