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Dear Parents,

We are approaching the end of another very enjoyable school year. It has been a particularly busy and exciting year and I'm sure all of our children and staff are looking forward to a well-earned rest. Some highlights of this school year include:

Our Sponsored walk in Combaun Woods raising funds for a school defibrillator, visiting the Community Centre for a presentation on Liam Lynch, our school football blitzes, Monthly Assemblies, Conall making the South Limerick football team and Primary Game football team, Sonas and Spraoi visiting Liskennett for horse riding lessons, taking part in the Knockadea, Kilbehenny, Coláiste Fionnchua and Credit Union quizzes, Team Hope Shoebox appeal, Maths week, Science week, Galtee Gaels ladies visiting with the county cup, Halloween dress up, Halloween Olympics, Tony Henebry visiting for 6 weeks of tag rugby coaching, Rugby blitz in Galbally, Irish quizzes organised by our Coiste Gaeilge, Autism Assistant Dogs visiting the school, Santa visiting with the Fire Brigade, Carepack initiative linking in with Nursing Homes, Christmas Concert, Christmas dinner in the senior room, Emma & Katelyn winning the Credit Union Art competition with Katelyn winning the National Runner up award and receiving her prize in Croke Park, Indoor hurling and camogie competitions, our Students Council organising pancakes for Pancake Tuesday, St Brigids crosses, Confirmation, World Book Day, Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations including a whole school Ceilí, Team Limerick Clean-up, Easter Egg hunts, 6 Music Generation workshops, carrying out work on our school garden, 5 weeks of the Time to Be Kind programme, Sonas & Spraoi visiting John McGraths farm, a visit from the ACRES scheme, beginning the Hot Meals programme, First Confession, Jack & Jill fundraiser, Aleia representing Anglesboro in the Eason's Spelling Bee competition, 5 weeks of swimming lessons in Kilcoran Lodge and Fermoy Leisure Centre, Autism Awareness Month, our Student Council organised Bake Sale, the Drama group presenting €1,500 to the school, 6th Class Stepping Up programme with Lisa O'Connor, School tours to Ballyhass, UL, and Leahy's Farm, Nathan, Ellie & Kayleigh taking part in the South football skills competition, our hurling/camogie and football teams taking part in South Limerick competitions with our boys winning the hurling and football final, and our girls winning the ladies football competition, taking part in the Ger Power memorial hurling blitz, First Communion, Sports Evening, 6th class Graduation, Food Dudes, Wellbeing Week, Sports Day, Gaelbhratach award in Roscrea, VEX robotics workshop, Art classes with BLAST programme. It certainly has been busy and great fun!!!

School closes for the summer holidays next Wednesday 19th June at 12pm. The hot meals programme will not be running this day and children may need a small snack for small break. School will reopen on Monday 26th August for a half day with a 12pm finish. Reminder the school calendar is available at https://www.anglesborons.com/school-calendar.html

All of your child's **books and copies** will be bought for you over the summer and given to your child on their first day of school. Books will remain the property of the school and students are required to handle them with care. If you would like to order your child's books yourself please email the school at <u>anglesborons@gmail.com</u> and we will send you a copy of your child's booklist. Otherwise, we will have your child's books ready for you on their first day of school. There will be no charge for the school book rental. Your child will still need a fully stocked pencil case, 2 Pritt Sticks, 2 A4 Mesh Zip lock folders, a D Scale tin whistle ($1^{st} - 6^{th}$ class), and a storage box/basket for books (from 2^{nd} class - 6^{th} class).

Our Summer Programme begins on Thursday 20th June. This will run over 4 weeks until Wednesday 17th July. The Programme will start at 9:30am and finish at 2pm each day. Children who avail of Steve's bus will continue to be brought by bus. Sonas will be taught by Mr Ahern from 20th June - 3rd July and by Mrs Leahy from 4th - 17th July. Emma Morrissey, James Landers and Brian Hennessy will be working as SNA's in Sonas. Spraoi will be taught by Ms Gleeson from 20th June -3rd July and by Ms Lee from 4th - 17th July. Laura O'Connor, Brian Hennessy and Louise Hayes will be working as SNAs in Spraoi. The Hot Meals programme will not be running during the summer programme so children will need a lunch each day. If you have any queries over the 4 weeks of the Summer Programme please email the school email address.

Our school uniform includes a <u>plain</u> navy tracksuit/navy pinafore, a light blue polo shirt, and a navy school jumper with the school crest. School jumpers bought from any store can be dropped to The Print House during the summer where the school crest can be attached for 5 euro per crest. Alternatively, school jumpers with the school crest can be bought straight from The Print House. As always, the school crest is a key part of the schools identity and a compulsory part of our school uniform. We look forward to seeing everyone in full uniform again upon our return to school. We appreciate your continued cooperation with this.

Our Students Council designed Anglesboro N.S. tracksuits can also be bought from ID Sports. While children must have a navy school uniform jumper, tracksuit tops can also be worn on PE days or worn over their school jumper in colder weather. The ID Sports tracksuits are optional and are not a compulsory part of our uniform. Parents

can arrange a fitting for tracksuits or can buy tracksuits from the online shop at https://idsportshop.com/collections/anglesboro-n-s

Junior infants will be finishing school at 12pm up until Friday 6th September. From Monday 9th September our infants will settle into the usual routine of staying in school until 2 o' clock. Esther Creagh also runs an afterschool service in our school from 2-3pm each day. This is very useful for families that use the bus or that have older children in the school that finish at 3pm. If you would like to book in your child, you can contact Esther on 087-9349051.

Mrs Maher will be on Carer's Leave again this year for the 24/25 school year. Ms Gleeson has been a wonderful addition to our school while she has taught in Spraoi. Maeve is relocating to Killarney and unfortunately won't be back with us next year. A big thank you to Ms Gleeson for all of her work throughout the past year. Thanks also to Mrs Keane, Ms Lee and Leanne for all of their fantastic work throughout the year. Mr Ahern will be back with us again next year covering for Mrs Maher in the Learning Support position.

Cáit Hennessy has resigned her teaching position in Anglesboro N.S. Thank you to Cáit for all her work down through the years. Niamh Hickey has been appointed to the staff in Anglesboro and will take up Cáit's permanent teaching position next year.

Our classroom allocation for next year is as follows:

Juniors & Seniors—Mrs Hickey

1st, 2nd & 3rd class – Mrs O'Connor

4th, 5th & 6th – Mrs Leahy

Spraoi – Mrs Moloney, Tina & Ashley

Sonas – Mr Maloney, James & Joan

Learning Support – Mr Ahern

Mainstream SNA - Edwina

Finally, a massive thank you to each of our staff members who continuously go above and beyond for the pupils in our school. For the many hours of their personal time that they give up facilitating the many activities that go on inside and outside of school time, I sincerely thank them. A rest over the summer has once again been well and truly earned.

Wishing you all a very safe & happy Summer holidays!

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Seán Kearney