Happy New Year everyone!!

**School Policy Reminders**

I would like to remind you that if you have any concern about your child, their class teacher is your first point of contact for the school. You can contact Debi to arrange an appointment to see the teacher when necessary.

In a case where your child will have a brief absence of one to three days from school (due to illness etc.) it is not necessary to call the school in advance. Please send in a short note of explanation upon their return. Only in the case of long absences notify you child’s class teacher in advance. Only in the cases of longer absences due to illness is a doctor’s note expected. Please be advised we are obliged to report cases where children miss over 20 days in a school year to The Child and Family Agency.

Please return all Acceptance Forms for Junior Infants 2017 to the office immediately.

**January Schedule of Events:**

**Tuesday 16.01.2018:** An experienced zoologist from the Dublin Hedgehog Rescue Centre will carry out an interactive 30 minute workshop with each class and will discuss with the children about hedgehogs and their conservation. Added to this, they will bring a hedgehog or two with them to show the boys and girls! Every child will get a chance to ask questions and touch a real hedgehog for themselves. The Dublin Hedgehog Rescue Centre is a charity and we ask each child makes a small donation of €1 or €2 or whatever you can afford to donate to the charity and its work.

**Mondays:** 1st and 3rd Classes will visit the Navan library on Mondays for the next few months. This is an excellent opportunity for the boys and girls to practice their reading skills. Ciara and Jack will let you know about the library trips very soon.

**Wednesdays:** Barry Teather will be joining us to coach the children fundamental football and hurling skills on Wednesdays for the next few months. He will be working with classes Junior Infants to 3rd initially. Children in these classes should wear their tracksuits on Wednesdays.

**Parent Teacher Meetings** will be held at Ard Rí on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th of January.

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Best regards,

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Ard Rí Kickhams, Tennis and other extra-curricular sport will begin in early spring. Classes from Senior Infants up will go swimming in April and May this year.