# Gortjordan N.S

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Great oaks from little acorns grow

Newsletter Update

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to second class who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday. Well done Daithí Owens, Oliver Barrett, Rebecca Flood, Caoimhe Cosgrove, Donna Mooney, Martha Burke, Dylan Murphy, Oisín Whelan and Mary Martyn.

#### Junior Tour

The junior tour will be talking place next Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May . The children will be going to Loughwell Farm Park in Moycullen. A school tour at Loughwell is a wonderful countryside experience where the children get to meet the farm animals and enjoy a range of indoor and outdoor play facilities.

We will be leaving the school at 9:00 a.m and returning at approx 3:00 p.m. We ask that all children be at school for 8:50 a.m. For Health and safety reasons we ask that all children wear socks to the farm, have all arms and legs covered (i.e. wear tracksuits) to protect them on the slides. A large packed lunch is also required for the tour. The price of the tour is  $\xi^22$ , this should be returned to school with a permission slip by next Wednesday the  $14^{th}$ . If you have any further questions please feel free to chat to the class teacher.

If you would like further information on Loughwell Farm Park you can visit the following link. <u>http://www.loughwellfarmpark.ie/events/school-tours</u>

#### Senior Tour

The senior tour will take place on Tuesday the  $17^{th}$  of June. The trip will consist of a guided tour of Bunratty castle and a self guided folk park adventure. The children will experience a living reconstruction of the homes and environment of Ireland of over a century ago. Set on 26 acres, the impressive park features over 30 buildings in a 'living' village and rural setting. After this the children will visit UL sports grounds where they will take part in a range of exciting outdoor and indoor (weather dependant) pursuits including canoeing, rafting, wipe out, wrecking ball. The cost of this tour is  $\xi$ 36 and this includes a hot meal. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

### **Staffing**

As you are aware we are losing a classroom teacher this coming September 2014. Mrs. Brett as the last member to join the staff has been placed on the panel. Fortunately for Mrs. Brett she has secured a full time teaching post in the Neale N.S. We take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Brett for all her hard work and dedication to Gortjordan N.S. We wish her well in the future and will miss her.

Also Ms. O'Connor has decided to take a career break commencing September 2014 for the school year 2014/2015. We thank Ms O'Connor for her hard work and the contribution she has made to Gortjordan to date. Again we wish Ms. O'Connor well for the year ahead and safe and happy travels.



## **Permission Slip**

I hereby grant permission to my child/children\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ class to go on the school tour to Loughwell Farm Park in Moycullen on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2014.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_