**Proclamation Day Tuesday, 15th March 2016**

Dear Parents,

In order to celebrate the Easter Rising in its centennial year, all educational institutions nationwide have been asked to take part in Proclamation Day on Tuesday next. The Department of Education has asked schools to include in their celebrations the reading of individual Proclamations (school/class Proclamations), flag-raising ceremonies and singing the National Anthem. Each school is free to arrange the ceremony to suit their own unique environment.

We will celebrate our ceremony in school next Tuesday and we are asking all pupils and staff to come to school dressed in clothes typical of what would have been worn in 1916.

* Girls, typically, would have worn dresses or skirts, long in length, below the knee certainly, aprons, blouses and cardigans, often with a shawl wrapped around the shoulders, a small headscarf on the head and plain shoes/short boot.
* Boys would have worn breeches (trousers stuffed into knee socks would suit), shirts or jumpers, flat, cloth caps and laced shoes/ankle boots.
* Obviously we do not expect you to spend money creating these outfits; please look online to see images of the day and use whatever is in the house.
* However, we would ask the children not to wear anything that looks out of character with the 1916 era, e.g. **no jeans, bright colours. ‘Ugg’ boots, trendy shorts, trendy gear, sporty, gear, etc.** Plain colours, browns, black, navy, etc. were more common.
* We will be recording the event and taking photographs of this historic occasion and we will put a selection on our website for your enjoyment.

Yours Sincerely,

*Siobhán O’Donoghue*

*Principal*