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JONESBORO'PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Mr Donal Keenan

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## A Thuismitheoirí / Dear Parents

Valentine's Day is celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> February each year. No one truly knows why, nor what it means. So we've decided to broaden its appeal to mean a day when we celebrate our love of life family and friends. Next week also mark's Children's Mental Health Week' with it's theme of 'getting connected with others'. So although we will be closed on Valentine's Day for our mid-term break we will nevertheless prepare and advertise it by holding a 'Red Day' on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Red because the colour of the rose is red, the heart symbol is red ( and all the best gaelic and soccer teams wear red excluding Manchester United of-course! ).

So red is the colour associated with love. We will ask children to wear something red on this day and in school children will make some sort of a gift to demonstrate their love for someone close to them.

The theme for our RED DAY will be 'Connect with others and You'll Never Walk Alone'.

So to all children we say "come on down" and get connected or "An Dun Abu" as they say in Irish.

We welcome donations from parents for 'Red Day' with all donations going to Abbey's Zambia Immersion Project which itself promotes love for other peoples less fortunate than ourselves.

PS. We actually will allow red Man United Jerseys to be worn on this day!

PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT NORMAL TIMES ON THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY FOR MID-TERM AND RE-OPENS ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY.

Le meas / Yours sincerely

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Baile An Chláir