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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all enjoying this festive time. It has been another very busy year in Kilrickle National School and another exciting one ahead as we celebrate our centenary in 2022.

School Holidays

School will end at 12pm on Wednesday, December 22nd and will re-open as normal on Thursday, January 6th 2022.

Christmas Jumper Fundraiser

We are asking children to come dressed in their festive clothes tomorrow, Wednesday in aid of charity. The school will be making a donation to the charity - Join Our Boys Trust. If families could make a €2 donation on the day it would be greatly appreciated. You can find more about the charity by clicking [here](#).

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to the Parents Association for running the annual Christmas Raffle. A tremendous amount of work was done in preparation for the day by our Parents Association and thank you all for your generous support. A total of €1,155 was raised.

Christmas Reading Challenge

After all the excitement of Santa, it would be great if a little bit of reading was done over the Christmas. To help with this, we have sent home a Hot Chocolate Reading Challenge that pupils might like to use. There is no obligation on anyone to do the challenge but it might just encourage everyone to use the time over Christmas to relax and enjoy some quiet reading time.

Junior Room Christmas Play

Well done to the boys and girls in Ms. Gallagher's Room who performed so wonderfully in their Christmas play. You can watch their show on the school website and a link will be made available to it shortly. Thank you to Ms. Sarah Gallagher and Mrs. Grainne McLaughlin for their outstanding work with the children in the preparation for the performance. Thank you to Aisling O'Brien for recording the Christmas concert also.

Thank You

It has been another incredibly busy year in Kilrickle National School. Thank you to our staff – Mr. Seán Kelly, Ms. Sarah Gallagher and Ms. Grainne McLaughlin. They provide so much to our children despite the obstacles that they face as result of the ongoing Covid situation. Thank you also to Ms. Madeline Dolan and Ms. Sorcha Ward who work in our school on a part-time basis.

Thank you to Mrs. Gwyneth Lusted, our Deputy Principal who has been a bedrock of support not only to myself and the staff but also to the Board of Management of the school.

Great credit must go to our Board of Management, particularly our Chairperson, Paul Rogers and Treasurer, Carmel Lawlor. They have worked quietly behind the scenes on our Pre-School Service, new extension, Astro Play Area and Morning and After School Clubs.

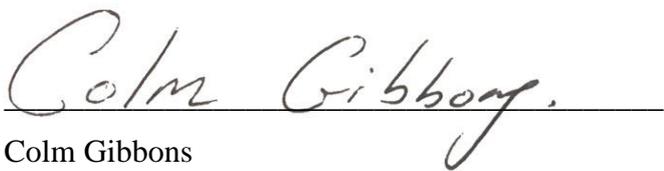
Thank you to Ms. Elaine Rowley who keeps our school clean and safe every day. We all owe great deal of gratitude to Elaine for all that she does for the school. Thank you to Rosaleen Robinson, our school secretary, who has provided wonderful administrative assistance to the school. Thank you to John Haverty who keeps our school grounds looking so well.

Thank you our Parents Association and all that they do for the school and to all the parents also for their tremendous support and understanding in what has been another challenging year.

Finally to our children. I am sure that Santa Clause will be generous to the children of Kilrickle National School. Unfortunately our children have missed out on activities and events again this year as result of ongoing restrictions. Their unending resilience and spirit can teach us all a valuable lesson this Christmas. Thank you to all the boys and girls for all that you have done to make our school such as special place.

Have a wonderful and well deserved Christmas break agus bainigí taitneamh as na ceiliúrtha go léir.

Le gach dea-ghuí,



Colm Gibbons

Principal

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