



14/12/20

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families are well as Christmas soon approaches.

### **School Video**

As you are already aware we had a very fun and festive day last Tuesday for Christmas video shoot. **We are delighted with the end product and I have the link attached [here](#) for you to watch.** It is also available to watch on the school website: <https://www.kilricklens.org/christmas-2020> . A huge amount of work went into this project and I particularly would like to thank the teachers, the school staff, the Board of Management, Santa Clause, our videographer, local businesses and of course the stars of the show – the children for making this video possible.

### **Pre-School**

**We are looking to possibly open a pre-school within the school ground in the near future. We are therefore looking to survey parents to see if this is a viable option.** If you have a child that you think may enrol in the pre-school in the coming years please let us know by filling in this [online survey](#). If you know someone who you feel would be interested in enrolling to our preschool please could you ask them to make contact with myself: [mrgibbons@kilricklens.com](mailto:mrgibbons@kilricklens.com) or alternatively send the link to survey to them. We would greatly appreciate if you could spread this message to the wider community.

### **Confirmation.**

**School Confirmation will take place on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Kilrickle Church.** I would like to thank Bishop Kirby who helped prepare the children in 6<sup>th</sup> class for this event over the last number of weeks.

### **Galway Colours Day**

Thank you for your support with Galway Colours Day. Unfortunately it was not to be for the girls. **The children in all the classes made a video of support to the girls that can be viewed [here](#).**

### School Build Update

It is expected that school build we beginning in late January or early February. **This will likely cause disruption to pickups and drops offs at the school for the duration of the build.** We will be providing greater clarity on this next term.

### End of Christmas Term

Thank you to our Parents Association who has kindly organised to give a selection box to each child on the last Monday of term. We also hope to have a pizza party on this day as Supermacs have generously given a free pizza day to the school. **A reminder that the school term will finish Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We asked that children be collected at 12pm on this day.**

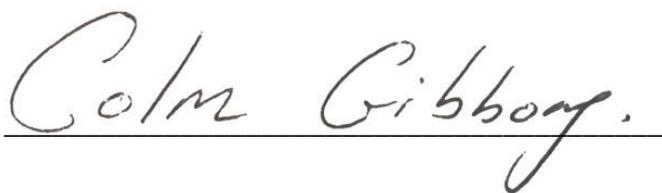
### Thank You

This year has been a year like no other and one we will not forget too quickly. I would like to thank our teachers: Mrs Gwyneth Lusted, Ms. Annette Hardiman and Mr. Seán Kelly who worked tirelessly over lockdown and again when schools re-opened to ensure that our pupils needs were met. I would like to thank Mrs. Kathryn Cormican, our school secretary, who always goes above and beyond on behalf of the school. To our Board of Management who have been a tremendous support during this exceptionally busy time and particularly thanks to Mrs. Carmel Lawlor (School Treasurer) and Mr. Paul Rogers (School Chairperson) who are an invaluable support to the school. To you the parents and pupils who have been so co-operative and understanding with the new measures that had to be implemented and for your continued adherence to them.

Finally, I want to share my sincerest thank you to Mrs. Marian Garvey who will be retiring from her position as school cleaner at the end of term. Marian has given remarkable service to the school over the years and we all owe a debt of gratitude to her for keeping our school safe and clean particularly since school re-opened in September. Thank you Marian.

I would like to wish you all a happy, safe and joyful Christmas.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colm Gibbons". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Colm Gibbons  
Principal  
Kilrickle N.S.