



10/06/21

Dear Parents,

As we enter into the last busy weeks of term I kindly ask you to take note of the below.

### **Pre-School and Morning/After School Services**

As you are already aware **our new pre-school will be opening in the new school year.** It will be run by Tina Clarke. This service will be provided for children of pre-school going age and will run from 9.30am – 12.30pm each day. **The morning club will run from 8.00am – 9.10am and the after school club will run from 2.00pm – 5pm each school day.** This service will be run by Elaine Rowley and is for the children of Kilrickle National School. **If you would like to find out more about these services please do not hesitate to contact Tina (Pre-School) at [tinaconthenet@yahoo.ie](mailto:tinaconthenet@yahoo.ie) or Elaine (After School/Morning Club) [elainerowley@kilricklens.com](mailto:elainerowley@kilricklens.com).**

### **School Build and Play Ground Upgrade**

**Works are ongoing on the new classroom that Mr. Gibbons' class will be in from September. New toilets will also be added to Mr. Kelly's classroom and the new astro surface will be laid over the summer months.** Further updates on the progression of these developments will be detailed in August before school returns.

### **Sports Day.**

**We are delighted to announce that we will have our annual Sports Day on Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>.** As a result of ongoing restrictions **we are unable to allow parents to come to this year's events.** Despite this we hope to have an action packed day out doors. This event, however, will be weather dependent and may have to change if the weather is unsuitable.

Each child is part of a team that is named after a colour. **The list of teams are linked [here](#).** Children are asked to come dressed in their team colours e.g. t-shirt, hoodie, top etc...

School bags are not needed on the day but we do ask that children bring a packed lunch, plenty of water and sun cream. **Thank you to the Parents Association who have sponsored a Goodie Bag for the end of the day. Children in the Infant Room can be picked up at 2.30pm on this day.**

**We would ask that your child brings the following items for the races:**

1. A sack (Sack Race)
2. A small potato and a spoon (egg and spoon)
3. Tights (Three Legged Race)

### **School Calendar**

Please see attached school calendar for next year [here](#). **We will be returning to school on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### **School Garden**

We have been very busy in the garden this term and the fruits of our labour are beginning to show. **We would therefore appreciate greatly if you could assist, as was done during previous summers, in maintaining our garden.**

Below is a list of jobs that will need to be attended to...

- Flowers, shrubs, plants, window boxes and trees need to be watered.
- The school garden to be kept as weed free as possible.
- That the school garden be kept neat and tidy.
- Take home and enjoy any vegetables that are ready to harvest!

**Please select the week(s) you and your family are available to help maintain the school garden by selecting the appropriate dates on [this form](#).. All dates start with 'Week beginning on...'**

All necessary garden tools and equipment will be supplied. Further information on what is required; the location of equipment etc... will be sent home to parents along with the week they are on. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. Your help is very much appreciated. Thank you!

### **Reports and Booklist**

**School Reports and Booklists will be posted home on the morning of Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and you can expect to receive them the next day.** If you wish to discuss anything in the school report please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. Payment for book rental, photocopying, art supplies etc... can be made when children return in September.

## **School Tour**

As you are already aware **the children will be going on their school tour on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> to Turoe Pet Farm. This will be an all outdoor tour and the cost of the tour is €15 per pupil.** A bus will be used to shuttle the different class groupings to and from Turoe. **All the children can be dropped to school and collected at home time from school at their usual times.** An email will be sent to you shortly requesting this online payment. We ask that children bring a packed lunch and lots of water for the tour.

## **Graduation**

It will be with great sadness that we will wave goodbye to our 6<sup>th</sup> Class students on the last day of term, Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. **We will be having a small outdoor Graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> for the 6<sup>th</sup> class children and their parents.** We therefore welcome the parents of the 6<sup>th</sup> class students to attend this outdoor event at 10.00am at Kilrickle National School.

## **Parents Association.**

**I would like to congratulate Mags Larkin, Nicola Edwards and Caroline Keena on being appointed to the Parents Association.** We look forward to working together in the new school year. If anyone else would like to nominate themselves to the association please contact the outgoing Parents Association or myself. **Thank you to Marie Treston, Siobhán Kennedy and Fiona Killalea who have volunteered so much of their time to the Parents Association over the years.**

## **School Term End.**

**The school term will end on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June at the earlier time of 12pm.** We ask that you collect your children at this time.

## **Thank you**

This school year has been a year like no other and one we will not forget too quickly. Despite all the challenges we faced whilst both open and closed our school has made tremendous progress.

I would like to thank our Deputy Principal Mrs. Gwyneth Lusted who has provided great support to myself in my role as principal. To Mr. Seán Kelly, Ms. Annette Hardiman, Ms. Madeleine Dolan and Mrs. Marie Lantry who have worked tirelessly to provide a wonderful education to our children. We would like to wish Annette the very best on her career break next year.

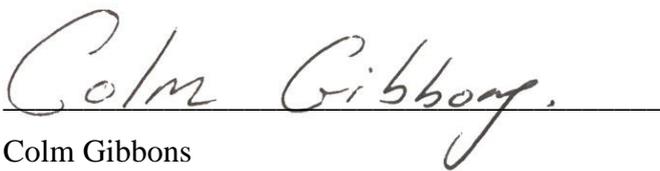
Thank you to Kathryn Cormican, our school secretary and to Roslaeen Robinson who has replaced Kathryn while she is on leave. Thank you to Elaine Rowley and Marian Garvey who have done a wonderful job in keeping the school clean and safe during the last school year. Thank you to John Herity, our school caretaker, who has made the school grounds bright and tidy with his lovely work.

I would like to give a huge thank you to our Board of Management, particularly Paul Rogers our Chairperson and Carmel Lawlor our Treasurer, who complete a great amount of school work behind the scenes.

Finally to the children and parents who have been so co-operative and understanding during a very busy and unusual school year. The whole school community are grateful for all that you do to make Kilrickle National School the happy place it is.

If you have any queries over the summer holidays please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a wonderful summer break.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

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

Colm Gibbons

Principal

Kilrickle N.S.