



07/02/22

Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that your children have had a good start to the new year.

Enrolments

We are now accepting enrolments for September 2022. Families can enrol their child by clicking [here](#). This link is also available on the home page of the school website: <https://www.kilricklens.org/>

School Closures

The school will be closed on Tuesday, February 15th as the school will be without electricity from 9.00am and 5.00pm.

School will also be closed on Friday March, 18th. An extra public holiday has been announced by the government for this date. See [here](#) for further details on the announcement of this public holiday.

Final Day of Term

The final day of term this year is Thursday, June 23rd. It had been previously mentioned that the last day of school term would be Wednesday, June 22nd. This update has now been made to the school calendar. You can view the school calendar [here](#).

Confirmation and Communion Dates

The children in 2nd class will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 21st at 11am in Kilrickle Church. Confirmation for the boys and girls in 5th and 6th classes will take place on Friday, May 27th in Kilrickle Church. The exact timing is yet to be confirmed but it will either be 11am or 3pm for the Confirmation ceremony.

Prior to Covid 19, the boys and girls of the whole school would have made up the choir for both events. We are hoping that we can continue with this tradition and **we therefore would appreciate if your child would be available on both these dates.**

Standardised Testing

The standardised testing dates have now been changed in order to facilitate the preparation for the above sacramental celebrations. **They will now be taking place on the week beginning Monday, May 9th.** This has been updated on the school calendar also.

School Tours

5th and 6th classes will be going to Delphi this year on their school tour. They will be staying for two nights: Wednesday, June 8th and Thursday June 9th. The remaining classes, Junior Infants – 4th Class, will be going to the Let's Go camp in Galway city on June 8th. Further details on the trip for Junior Infants – 4th class will be made available in due course.

Swimming

The children will be beginning swimming lessons on the first week after the Easter break. The first session is April 29th and they will continue for eight consecutive weeks. Most of these sessions will be on Fridays but some will have to change as a result of the Confirmation, Delphi and the school holiday on Friday, June 3rd.

Astro

We are delight to now have access to our astro. Ground works around the outside of the new surface still need be completed and the remaining grass area will be re-seeded in spring.

Covid

The school has purchased HEPA Filters for each classroom. These HEPA filters have been in use since the children returned after the Christmas Break.

If your child is displaying Covid symptoms we ask that your child remains at home until symptoms have gone.

The Department of Education have asked for all schools to convey to parents that a positive antigen test result is taken as a confirmed COVID-19 result and therefore a PCR test is not required to confirm a positive result.

Bicycle Rack

We are in the process of seeking funding for a school community cycle rack. If you think that this is something that you child would avail of please confirm this by clicking this [link](#).

Book Fair

Our school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from Monday, March 28th. This fair will last the week and will give an opportunity for pupils to purchase new books.

Lost and Found

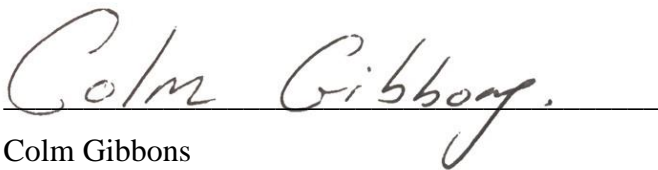
There is a Lost and Found Rail in Mr. Gibbons' classroom. Parents can access this school rail after each school day.

School Website

Please see the school website to keep up to date with the activity that is happening in Kilrickle N.S.
<https://www.kilricklens.org/>

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Have a nice week.

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.