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Dear Parents,

I hope you are well and that your child(ren) have had a good first term in school. We are busily preparing for the last number of months of the year and therefore we would appreciate if you took note of the below.

Parking – Drop off and Collections.

We deeply appreciate all efforts made by parents, staff and members of the community in trying to make drop off and collection times safer for ourselves and for the children. As this activity takes place outside of school grounds it is difficult for a school to request necessary changes – set down areas, adequate parking facilities, speed ramps etc... It is essentially a community matter.

I have spoken to the hall committee and they are currently looking for new members to help with the committee. This new community committee has the potential to solve many of the above problems and the school can support their initiatives.

If you are interested in volunteering for this, please email me – mrgibbons@kilricklens.com

This is an urgent matter that cannot be rectified without community support and therefore we are reliant on parents and the community to drive this initiative.

Parents Representatives for Board of Management:

A reminder that Parent Representatives are required for the Board of Management 2023 -2027. Forms can be returned to the school office this week and next. Thank you to Sarah Rosa and Eugene Kennedy who have been the Parents Representatives on the Board of Management 2019 -2023.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings will be held on the week beginning November 20th. More information regarding this will be sent to you in the coming weeks.

After School and Morning Club

After School and Morning Club care are increasingly becoming essential parts of school life. We are always looking to make improvements in this area and therefore we would appreciate if you could take part in this short survey so that we best meet the needs of parents in this area.

We ask that all parents who currently avail or may avail of these services in the future to take part in the survey by clicking [here](#).

Christmas Play

This year the children will be performing their Christmas plays in the school hall as was done in the past. We have **provisionally booked** the hall for **Wednesday, December 13th** for this event. **This is an evening event** and more information will be given on this in the coming weeks.

Portumna

Mr. Gibbons and Mr. Kelly's classes will be going to Portumna Forest Park and will be guided on a forest walk by a member of the Coillte team. The date for this tour is **Wednesday, November 8th**. There will be a small fee to be paid for the bus and tour. This payment request will be sent to you via Aladdin. This tour will take place during school times.

Cycle Right

The children in Mr. Gibbons Class will be partaking in the Cycle Right programme this year. This programme will take place in November during school time. The cost of the course is €15 / child. Details along with the parent consent form will be sent to parents shortly. An epayment will also be sent out in the coming days. The dates of the course are as follows and are on the School's Google Calendar:

Monday 13th, 20th, 27th November

Monday 4th December.

Gymnastic Classes

We are sorry that the Gymnastic Classes could not go ahead as scheduled this term. The instructor was injured and could not provide classes as a result. The classes have been re-scheduled and will now take place in the new year. Please see the dates below are also on the School's Google Calendar:

Monday 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th January, 2024

Monday 12th, 19th February, 2024.

Halloween

We will have our annual dress-up day on the last day of term – **Friday October 27th**. There will be prizes for the best costume in each classroom. Thank you to the Parents Association for sponsoring these prizes.

Blitzes

Thank you to Cumann na mBunscol Galway who have organised the Annual Mini- Sevens Blitzes in both Camogie and Hurling. This is our first time to take part in these Blitzes. Well done to all the participants from Mr. Gibbons and Mr. Kelly's classes. **Thank you to Ms. Gallagher and Mr. Kelly who managed the teams and to the parents who provided transport.**

Morning Hurling

Morning Hurling will conclude for the year on Friday, October 20th and it will recommence in February. **There will no Morning Hurling tomorrow morning.**

Tin Whistle

Unfortunately Yvonne has been unwell for the last number of weeks to do Tin Whistle classes but she will be back with us next week. The classes that have been missed will be made up in the final term.

Facebook Page

As you may already be aware we lost administrative access to our school's Facebook account and therefore we have had to create a new account. The new account is linked below and we would appreciate **if you could like, share and follow our new page** so we can recover the followers we once had.

<https://www.facebook.com/kilricklenationalschool>

Credit Union

Children will have the opportunity to commence regular saving with Naomh Brendain Credit Union Loughrea. This will re-start again on **Wednesday, 11th October**. and they will visit the school every Wednesday for the school year. If you wish your child to create a new account you can complete the consent form emailed to you and return it to the school.

Google Calendar

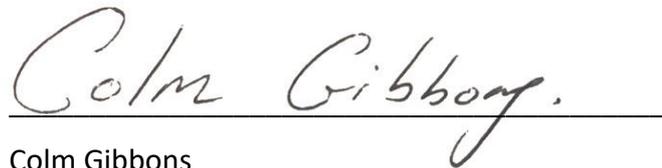
We ask parents to keep a close eye on the Google Calendar as there will be many events coming up in the school over the next few weeks and months. You can view it on the school website: <https://www.kilricklens.org/calendar>

School Website

The school's website is regularly updated by your child's classroom teacher. The school news page shows the wonderful work that is being done in the different classrooms. To see this content visit: <https://www.kilricklens.org/blog>

Thank you for taking the time to read this Newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact –
mrgibbons@kilricklens.com

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 solid horizontal line.

Colm Gibbons

Principal

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