



17<sup>th</sup> of December, 2024

**Dear Parents,**

Please find below important notes regarding the end of term and the beginning of the new term in the new year.

**Condolences:** As a school community, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Angelika Manning on the passing of her mother. **Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.**

**End of Term Closure:** School will finish at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, and children are welcome to wear their home clothes on this day.

**Santa's Visit:** Santa Claus will visit the school on Thursday, December 19th, at approximately 10:00 a.m. A big thank you to the Parents' Association for sponsoring Santa's gifts!

**Achievements:** Congratulations to Ms. Gallagher and the Sarsfield's Camogie team on their fantastic victory in the Senior All-Ireland Club Final last Sunday in Croke Park. We are all so proud of Ms. Gallagher's incredible achievement. Tomorrow morning at 9.30am, the children will form a guard of honour outside the school as she returns to the school with the cup. We welcome all parents to attend also!

**Festive Night Success:** A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the wonderful event on Thursday night. The Parents Association raised an impressive €1,780! We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of families, the community, and local businesses. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of families, the community, and local businesses. A link to the performance can be found on the school website: <https://www.kilricklens.org/post/christmas-carol-service>

**Website Updates:** Our website has been regularly updated with photos from this festive season. Please visit [www.kilricklens.com](http://www.kilricklens.com) to view them.

**Feast of the Epiphany:** The children in Mr. Kelly's and Mr. Gibbons' classes will attend Mass in Kilrickle Church on Monday, January 6th, at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. All are welcome to join us.

**Gymnastics Classes:** Gymnastics classes will begin on **Tuesday, January 7th**, and will run for six weeks for all classes. A payment request has been sent to you for these sessions.

It has been another incredibly busy and successful year at Kilrickle National School. I would like to sincerely thank the staff, children, parents, Parents' Association, Board of Management and the wider community for all your hard work and dedication to the school – it makes it the wonderful place it is.

Wishing you all a lovely Christmas agus beannachtaí na féile oraibh go léir.

We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

*Colm Gibbons.*

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