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Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well. As you will see from the newsletter we have a busy few weeks ahead!

Best regards, Jennie Kirwan

Covid 19 Measures

We must continue to remain vigilant and remind you that if your child displays any symptoms of Covid-19 that you do not send them to school and seek medical advice. Please ensure you maintain a physical distance from other families, wear a mask and avoid congregation at drop off and collection time. We really appreciate your support and efforts with this.

PTA 5k Level 5 Challenge

The PTA invite you all to take part in our 5km, Level 5 Challenge to find the most EXCITING, INTERESTING, SPECIAL, WEIRD OR UNUSUAL things in your 5k radius over the coming weeks. We can't wait to see the results of your adventuring, rambling and exploring in your 5km. As you know this a fundraising event with a suggested donation of €5. Please continue to send your photos and pictures from the children which will be displayed in the windows of the Northover Hall over the coming weeks.

Christmas Jumper Day – Crumlin Hospital:

We are delighted to announce that once again we will be taking part in this nationwide fundraising event for Crumlin Hospital. The children are asked to wear ANYTHING festive; jumper, t-shirt, hairpiece etc. and bring a €2 donation for Crumlin Children's Hospital. This event will take place on **Friday 11th December 2020.**



PTA 2020/2021

Your committee members for this academic year are:

Chair: Sorcha Duggan

Vice Chair: Katie Vanston

Secretary: Diane Weatherup

Treasurer: David Armstrong

Communication: Hugh Delap

Afterschool: Paul Maher

Green Rep: Katie O'Brien

PTA Teacher Rep: Miss Newton

Class Reps:

Junior Infants: Katie Toomey

Senior Infants: Alice Rooney

1st Class: Claire Kelleher

2nd Class: Katie O'Brien

3rd Class: Deborah Healy

4th Class: Paul Maher

5th Class: Katie Vanston

6th Class: Anne Marie Naughton



Junior Infants 2021

The deadline for receipt of applications for Junior Infants 2021 is **Monday 23rd November**. Application forms together with all other relevant documents are available to download from our website.

Christmas Cards – PTA Fundraiser

Thank you to Laura Armstrong from the PTA for organising the Christmas Cards this year. Last date for receipt of orders and money is **Friday 13th November 2020**. Unfortunately, late orders cannot be processed.

Charleville Site Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the working group, and everyone who has helped with communication to council/elected representatives; all support and knowledge is greatly appreciated. We will keep you informed of any developments and any actions needed through a weekly update email.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Owing to the current restrictions, Parent/Teacher meetings will take place in Term 2. The meetings will be by telephone with agreed times for each pupil. As always, if there is anything you need to discuss with your child's teacher please contact them by email.

Online Platforms

We are currently using Seesaw as our means of communication with the pupils for homework. Each family will be sent a consent link for the use of Microsoft 365 & Teams. If you give consent, your child will be issued with an email and password which will give them access to the full Microsoft suite of programmes together with possible video call access if required in the event of school/class closures. An email will follow with the link in the coming days. All 4th-6th current email addresses will remain but please complete consent form.

Shoebox Appeal

The Team Hope Charity will not be able to run the shoebox appeal in the normal manner and will not be sending shoeboxes from Ireland. Anyone that still wishes to get involved can do so by going to their website; www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal.

School Closures

Christmas Holidays

School closes for Christmas holidays on Tuesday 22nd December 2020. Closing time TBC.

School reopens after Christmas holidays on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

February Midterm

School closes for February midterm on Friday 12th February 2021.

School reopens after midterm on Monday 22nd February 2021.