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Dear Parents,

- As you know Covid 19 is still very prevalent in our community. You received the latest guidelines yesterday by email. Pupils from 3rd class in primary schools are required to wear a face mask. We would ask that (1) your child has a clean fresh mask everyday (2) your child has a spare mask in his bag and (3) he should have a sandwich bag/ziplock bag for the storage of masks. (4) If your child wears a cloth face covering it should be washed everyday after use. Face masks/coverings should not be worn if they are wet.
- If a child tests positive in our school and we deem that your child is a close contact we will furnish you with this information and also the H.S.E. contact details you will need to request the antigen tests for your child. We thank you for your co-operation and support in dealing and curtailing this virus.
- On a more positive note there has been a fantastic response to our Penny Dinners Christmas Food Appeal. We would like you to know that you can still donate up to this Friday December 3rd. To do so is optional. We thank those who have supported this appeal already.
- As the Christmas season approaches we will be very busy with Christmas Crafts. Have a look at the children's class blogs to see how busy they are. We thank Tekaterina and Antanas who are co-ordinating a project for display in the Town Park. Our 6th class boys will be making lovely Christmas trees as part of this project.
- As we can't visit the hospital this year all the children will be writing cards and letters to the residents of our local hospital and residential homes.
- We hope to go to the Pantomime in the Opera House on Dec. 16th to see 'Nanny Nelly's Adventures in Pantoland'. Tickets have been purchased, however this is subject to change with the pandemic. Further information to follow on this.

- Our Christmas Mass is booked for Monday Dec 20th at 1.30p.m. This is subject to change but we will keep you informed.
- 3rd, 4th, 5th classes have two more weeks swimming to complete. We hope they have enjoyed the sessions and 6th/1st/2nd classes will be going after Christmas.
- Our 5th and 5th pupils hope to take part in a Schools Basketball Competition organised by Diarmuid O'Donovan (School Basketball Coach) later on in the month. Again this is subject to change with Covid guidelines. We look forward to participating in this event.
- 6th/1st/3rd are enjoying their Tag Rugby Sessions with William. The other classes will be playing after Christmas.
- Congratulations to the Kanturk Hurling Team who won the Hurling Final against Fr. O'Neill's on Sunday November 21st. We wish the best of luck to the footballers against Newmarket this coming Sunday. The children can wear their green outfits again this Friday as we support our team. Bearing in mind that we have some Newmarket supporters in the school we hope the best team win!
- The Astroturf Committee have asked us to remind you that the 2nd Early Bird draw is taking place on Monday 6th Dec. 2021. The draw shall have two prizes each being a €1,000 account at Aspel's Spar, Kanturk. The winner of each prize will have a €1,000 account which will be valid until 30 Nov. 2022. The winner can purchase fuel/ instore products during this period. All physical tickets sold before the draw on the 6th Dec. and online tickets sold before midnight on the 1st Dec 2021 shall be eligible for this draw. If you are not in you can't win. If you wish to purchase physical tickets we have them in the school.
- I remind you to log on to our school website to keep up to date on school events. The address is www.kanturkbns.com
- Don't forget you can follow us on twitter [@colmansbns](https://twitter.com/colmansbns)

Your sincerely,
 Eilish Finnegan,
 Principal.