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Dear Parents,

- Just to keep you up to date on what is happening in our school.
- We would like to acknowledge the support of parents/guardians of our children in the current climate and remind you that students who feel ill or have Covid 19 symptoms must remain at home and seek advice from their G.P. If a household member has Covid or awaiting a test result you must keep your child (if not vaccinated) at home and follow H.S.E. Guidelines
- Just to remind you too that if your child is absent from school you must inform the school either by writing or phone call explaining his absence.
- If your child has to self-isolate and take time off school we would like you to come to the school, take his books home and continue with the plan of work assigned to him.
- As the weather get colder and we are trying to keep our classrooms well ventilated we ask that your child wears an extra layer of clothing under his school uniform to keep him warm (if needed).
- If you need to speak to a teacher you must make an appointment to do so. As the health and safety of the children is our priority visitors/parents are not permitted to enter the school building. All parents/visitors to the school **must** stay outside the door and ring the buzzer for assistance. Somebody will respond to you.
- We remind you too of the drop off/collection box outside the main door.
- Some people have still not paid their photocopying, art, craft and book rental and music money. The facility to pay these bills online has closed. If you have not paid you may pay the class teacher directly. If you have financial difficulties please contact the Principal or Class teacher.
- 5th & 6th class had a very successful trip to Clara on Thursday 30th September in memory of our dear friend Kathleen O'Keeffe. The students were joined by B.O.M. members and Kathleen's family. It was a very special occasion and fitting tribute to Kathleen. May she rest in peace. Thanks to all who looked after the boys on the day.

- The boys are completing their Christmas Cards this week which will be on sale later on in the term. To purchase is optional.
- Next week they will be completing their Credit Union pictures. This year's theme is 'Imagine'.
- All classes will be taking part in extra Maths activities next week to celebrate Maths Week.
- 3rd, 4th & 5th class boys will be starting swimming for six weeks after midterm. The cost is €20 per child. You will receive the link for payment of this. (1st, 2nd & 6th will be swimming after Christmas).
- Thanks to everybody who has purchased tickets for the development of the Astro-turf Pitch. If you have not purchased and would like to do so there are still tickets available in the school. The cost is €20 per ticket or 3 for €50. There is another 'Bonus Draw' in November with 2 prizes up for grabs, €1,000 shopping fuel/food voucher and a new i-Phone. To purchase is optional.
- The new school is progressing very well. You will be invited to a meeting after mid-term outlining the progress to you. More details nearer the time.
- Annual Parent Teacher Meetings will be taking place for 3rd – 6th classes after mid-term. 1st and 2nd will be in January. As was the case last year they will be taking place via phone in November. You will get further information from your class teacher on your time and day of call.
- The 4th November will mark the UNESCO International Day against violence and bullying at school. This day aims to prevent and address bullying, cyber bullying and other forms of online abuse involving children and young people. We will talk to the children about the importance of responsible use of the internet, social media and online platforms.
- Halloween is just around the corner. The school will be closing Friday 22nd October for Mid-term break and we hope to reopen again on Monday November 1st.
We wish you a very happy and safe break.
- We congratulate Miss Mcloughlin on her engagement to her partner Brian. We wish them both a long and happy life together.
- We hope you all keep safe and well.
- Thanking you for your co-operation.

- We encourage you to log on to the school website and see what is happening in the school. The address is www.kanturkbns.com [Don't forget you can follow us on twitter @colmansbns](#)

Le gach dea ghúí

Eilish Finnegan,

Principal.