



## Bandonbridge N.S.

### November 2020 Newsletter

#### Reminders:

- Keep children's lunchboxes healthy and avoid pre-packaged products if possible.
- As the weather gets colder, remember children need coats, hats, scarves and gloves – please ensure all are labelled.
- Parents must wear a face covering on school property and keep 2m apart from other adults and children; please ensure child minders, grandparents etc. are also aware of these rules, if they are dropping or collecting children.
- At present, parents, guardians, child minders etc. must not enter the school building.

#### Parent Association A.G.M

The Parent Association A.G.M. will take place tomorrow evening at 8pm via Zoom. Please use the link to join this meeting and hear about the work of the P.A. during the past year and their proposed plans for the year ahead. All parents in the school are part of the P.A. and, from the parent body, a committee and class representatives are selected, and they will keep you all up to date with their events. Involvement in the P.A. is a great way to participate in the life of the school and we welcome parents to join the committee or help out throughout the year. The P.A. has fundraised for additional resources and educational fieldtrips, as well as contributing to local causes.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83661291618?pwd=UHg3QmlzaU5KeTVhbnF3ZEJiS2NiZz09>

The P.A. is planning a school calendar which will make a lovely Christmas present for friends and family – details to follow.

#### Cash for Clobber

We are collecting unwanted clothes, shoes (in pairs), bags, belts, bed linen and curtains this week. NO DUVETS, PILLOWS, SOFT TOYS or MATS; the more weight we have the more money we make! Please bring your bags of clothing to school on Friday morning (Nov 6<sup>th</sup>) and leave them outside on the bench (weather permitting). Due to constraints of space and Covid restrictions, please do not bring bags before Friday morning.

#### Parent/Teacher meetings

Following discussions with the class teachers, it has been decided to postpone our formal Parent-Teacher meetings, which would normally take place next week, until February this year. Due to the unusual circumstances of the current time and the restructuring of the school day, teachers believe it would be more useful to wait a little longer to discuss pupils' progress.

However, should you have any concerns about your child's progress or welfare, please contact the relevant class teacher (using their specific school email address) and arrange an appointment. Meetings will be via Zoom at the end of the school day.

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### Team Hope Reminder

Although we cannot do our usual Christmas shoeboxes this year, could I encourage all families to log-onto the Team Hope website and donate to this wonderful cause which provides Christmas gifts to children in other countries from the children of Ireland. Last year we had a huge supply of shoeboxes to send and it would be lovely if there were a huge number of shoeboxes from your children sent this year too. Please check out how you can donate by clicking the link: <https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/>

### Christmas Cards:

Rosie Pullin-Devoy, one of the parents in the school, is in charge of doing the Burren Chernobyl Project (the charity she works and travels to Belarus with) Christmas cards this year. Her two children helped her to paint the cards. You can find out more about the charity on <http://www.burrenchernobyl.ie/>

There are 6 cards in each pack (6 different designs) and are €5 per pack. If you would like to order a pack or 2 to support this wonderful charity, please put the **correct amount in an envelope, marked Christmas cards, with your full name** on the outside and send it to school by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.



### Upcoming events:

- Due to the success of our September Sports Day, it is hoped that 6<sup>th</sup> class would host a similar event later this month.
- Ms. O'Neill will be returning from maternity leave to teach 6<sup>th</sup> class from Nov 30<sup>th</sup>.
- We are planning to "broadcast" a Christmas concert/show just before the holidays – individual classes will be working on their item and then we will put it together into a Christmas Extravaganza.