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Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you well and that your child is settling into the new school year smoothly. Please take note of the important information in this month's newsletter:

### **Opening Year Mass**

The Opening Year Mass has been rescheduled to *Thursday, September 19th* (instead of Friday). It will take place at 2 pm in the church, and all families are warmly invited to attend.

### **Autumn Signs**

We are encouraging children from all classes to keep an eye out for signs of autumn. We would greatly appreciate it if they could bring in items such as berries, seeds, conkers, etc., for our autumn displays.

### **Dublin Trip**

On *Friday, October 11th*, the senior students in Mr. Gibbons room will be going on a trip to Dublin. They will visit Kilmainham Jail and Glasnevin Cemetery. Parents in Mr. Gibbons' class will receive further details regarding this excursion soon.

### **Parking**

Thank you for your continued cooperation with parking arrangements, which help keep everyone safe. We are very pleased with how well this is working.

### **Website**

Don't forget to regularly check our updated website, [www.kilricklens.org](http://www.kilricklens.org), for the latest news from our classrooms.

### **School Closure Date**

Please note that the school will be closed on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> for a Maths planning day. All schools are obliged to close for these days.

### **Cake Sale**

We are organizing a cake sale fundraiser on *Friday, October 4th* in the school hall. We encourage families and community members to bake goods for this event. The funds raised will go towards purchasing new school equipment for the children. More details will be shared closer to the date.

### **Recyclable Bottle Donations**

From *October 1st*, we will be collecting recyclable containers (with the Re-turn logo) as part of a new initiative. A blue bin will be placed near the school entrance for donations. Items such as plastic bottles, cans, and tins made from plastic, aluminum, or steel are welcome. Funds raised will go towards purchasing new school equipment.

### **Morning and Afterschool Booking Form**

If you would like to book your child into Elaine's Morning or After School Club, please fill out the form available on our website: [Elaine's Club Booking Form](#).

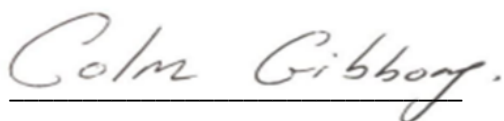
### **Join the New Parents Association!**

We are excited to invite parents to join our new Parents Association. The term is three years, during which members will support the school in various events throughout the year, such as the Carol Service, Sports Day, School Communions, and more.

We are seeking three enthusiastic parents to lead the Parents Association. Initially, they will work closely with the outgoing members to gain a full understanding of the role and responsibilities.

This is a wonderful opportunity to be actively involved in the school community and make a positive impact on our students' experience. If you're interested, we would love to hear from you!

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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Colm Gibbons

Principal

Kilrickle National School