



# Ard Rí Community National School

Ard Rí C.N.S, Balreask Old, Navan, Co. Meath.

Principal: Darragh Roe

Roll No 20352T



December '21

Dear School Community,

It is hard to believe the Christmas break is only around the corner. I would like to sincerely thank everyone for supporting the school through Term 1. It has been a very challenging time at school but everyone kept their spirits high and we are getting through it together. We have had very low incidence of the virus. The best chance we have is not letting Covid in the front gate. Thank you to parents for not sending children to school when they are sick and following Covid guidelines.

### Here are some important points to note:

- This year each class will record a video of their Winter Show and we will share it with families on Seesaw. We will be recording the shows on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Teachers will advise the children what to wear for the performance.
- As per our [Interfaith Calendar](#) classes are currently learning about the Feast of Christmas in GMGY!
- We are aware children are missing out on so much fun at the minute. Children can wear non-uniform, Christmas jumpers etc. on the last three days of school (20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> December). We will plan some fun activities for these days.
- Our Parent Association are organising for all pupils to watch Red Riding Hood- The Virtual Helix Panto. We will let you know more about this when dates and times are confirmed.
- School will close for Christmas holidays at 12pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. To avoid congestion in the car park classes Junior Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> will be dismissed a few minutes before 12pm and classes 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> will be dismissed at 12pm.
- I have no insider information, however to be prepared for the *very unlikely event* school buildings do not reopen to pupils in January we will be sending home a small folder of work so teachers could seamlessly begin remote teaching on Seesaw if required.
- Parent teacher meetings will be held by telephone call on week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022. We will confirm the finer details with you in January.
- There are a very small number of Junior Infant places left for September 2022. If you know any families with children starting school please ask them to give me a call.

For anyone finding it tough these days just keep going, keep setting the alarm, keep getting out that door, keep turning up. The darkest hour of the night comes just before the dawn. We will get there together.

Keep going,

Darragh Roe