

December 2020

Dear Parents,

As our first term of the year draws to a close I want to thank you on behalf of all the staff for keeping us and our pupils safe. I know some children had to miss school because of coughs and colds which would not happen in a normal year but this year is a bit different.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Meetings were held last month over the phone for the parents and guardians of Senior Infants, 2nd, 4th and 6th classes. Parent-Teacher meetings will be organised in January for the remainder of our pupils. Your child's teacher will be in touch directly.

Admissions for Junior Infants 2021

The procedure for enrolment (now called Admissions) of new pupils, has changed for all schools, both primary and secondary.

The Old Borough School has now published its **Admissions Notice** on our website:

<https://old-borough-national-school.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/information-for-junior-infant-2021-applicants/>

Please note that the school can only accept application forms from January 6th. The closing date for receipt of completed forms is **noon on Friday 29th January**.

Application Forms will be available on the school website from Wednesday 6th January. Parents/guardians of current pupils will be emailed the link.

If you are aware of parents/guardians interested in sending their child to the school please let them know about this new procedure.

Christmas 2020

In line with public health guidance, we will create a new approach to our Christmas festivities this year with each class doing something to celebrate the season.

Our **Christmas Jumper Day** will go ahead on Friday 18th. Children can wear a Christmas jumper or something red or green.

The PTA has kindly organised the purchase of a **Panto** which will be watched by all classes in their rooms that day. This is a fundraiser and a donation of €10 per family would be appreciated. A text from Way2Pay will issue to you in the coming days to make your donation.

Tuesday 22nd December

School will close on Tuesday 22nd December with staggered times as follows:

11.30 Infants

11.40: 1st & 2nd class

11.50: 3rd & 4th class

12.00: 5th & 6th class 6th January

Classes will resume for all pupils on Wednesday 6th January. Again pupils may arrive at school between 8.30 until 8.45 am.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Management of The Old Borough School may I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas,

Anne-Marie Woods