



# Thomond Primary School

Ballynanty Rd; Limerick.



4<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians,

The first term of the academic year 2020 / '21 has been very different! Your cooperation has helped to make it as safe and as happy as possible. Huge thanks to you and your children for understanding the situation and for doing as much as possible to keep the community of TPS safe. We understand that there are lots of activities that we have not been able to bring to the children and we are disappointed. However, from the children's point of view, I think they have enjoyed being back with their friends and they have worked hard this term. The team of staff at TPS have been incredible in accommodating all the new routines, and, although there are things that we miss, we have also made the best of it in an effort to keep everybody safe. On your behalf, I would like to sincerely thank the team for their hard work and co-operation.

We will make the run up to Christmas as enjoyable & celebratory as possible for the children. It will be a different December, but no less special! We are disappointed that we will not be able to have our traditional Carol Service & Christmas performances in the Halla this year, but we will record pupils reciting poems in their classrooms, singing at safe distance outdoors and engaging in their magical Christmas activities. We will share these with you on our social media platform.

We invite the children to wear their Christmas jumpers on the final two days of term, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Please do not go to expense or feel pressured into purchasing Christmas jumpers, children can wear something red and festive. School closes early on **BOTH** of these dates. There will be no school lunches so please send a snack and drink for your child on these two days. The collection times and points are as follows;

Junior Infants	Infant Door – Moylish Rd	12noon
Senior Infants	Main Door	
1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Halla Door	
5 <sup>th</sup> class	New carpark gate	
6 <sup>th</sup> class	Pedestrian gate on Ballygrennan Rd	



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2 <sup>nd</sup> class	Halla Door	12:10pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> class	Main Door	
4 <sup>th</sup> class	Infant Door – Moylish Rd	

School reopens on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

Thanks to our Parent's Association who are going to provide a Christmas treat of a selection box for each of our pupils on Christmas Week!

I know that many of you like to send in Christmas presents in December and you have always been very generous. Without wishing to seem ungracious, we would respectfully ask you not to do so this Christmas. It has been a difficult year financially for many people and we do not wish to add to anyone's burden. From a health and safety point of view, we feel it would also be much safer. On a similar note, we are unable to allow children to exchange Christmas cards either.

Parent Teacher meetings will take place over the phone in Term Two. We will arrange dates and times in the new year but know that we are always available to you on phone or email if you have any queries or concerns.

As always, you have been hugely supportive of the school in all its endeavours and I would like to express my sincere appreciation. We look forward with hope to a better 2021 and those magical vaccines! On behalf of the staff and the Board of Management, I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas.

Kind regards,

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Principal

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