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4th December.

Dear parents,

It is wonderful to have reached December, with minimal instances of whole class 'Learning From Home.' Today we welcome back Mrs Kearney's class, the first class that had to isolate. I wish to thank those parents for working so well with us remotely during that time. I know that it can't have been easy, but your commitment to your child's learning was noted and appreciated.

Several parents have asked me about enrolment for Nursery and P1pupils for September. Details are just being released by EA and are summarised below. If you know of anyone in this situation, please share this information.

TIMETABLE FOR PRE-SCHOOL AND PRIMARY 1 ADMISSIONS

Friday 18 December 2020	EA publishes information on website about the pre-school admissions procedure and admissions criteria
Thursday 7 January 2021 (opens at 12.00 noon	Pre-school and Primary 1 application procedure open with online portal available. Please visit www.eani.org.uk
Friday 29 January 2021 at 12 noon	Deadline for submission of applications

It is fair to say that staff have been on high alert throughout this term and the stringent measures that we have put in place, whilst difficult to maintain, do seem to be working. It has nonetheless been extremely challenging and I ask families to bear with us over the next fortnight. We are juggling a lot; staff absence, trying to cater for children learning from home, managing pupils within much smaller physical spaces than they would ordinarily have been used to- this is particularly challenging for those with additional / special educational needs so please trust that we are doing our very best. Please also know that you can contact me at any time if you have concerns, which I will strive to resolve.

The children have been enjoying our school crib and Christmas tree. It has been my privilege to see their joy as they 'stop and look'. If you do not usually pass the front door to drop off or collect your child, feel free to take a detour and enjoy!

I conclude by reminding parents that we will have a non- uniform/ Christmas jumper day on Thursday 17th December. We are also expecting a special visitor in school that day!!!!!!!!!!!!

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your support,

Mrs Monaghan