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Dear Parents,

This has been a really good but very busy week in school with pupils and staff working hard. December arrives next week and with it the excitement that Christmas is not too far away. In the meantime, we will continue to encourage the boys and girls to work hard in school.

Climate Change

The UN Climate Change Conference or COP26 took place recently in Glasgow when World leaders came together to plan how to tackle the urgent threat of climate change.

Whether it's by recycling, composting, walking to school, using a re-usable water bottle or turning the lights off when leaving a room, thousands of people are already playing their part. And we can play our part too. **Over the course of this school year our ECO Council will lead us in a number of initiatives and next Friday (3rd December) we will join many schools across the island of Ireland by helping to plant one million trees, for every native tree planted by primary schools in Ireland on 3rd December**, Self Help Africa will plant 10 more in Africa. **The ECO Council will plant 19 native Irish trees in our school grounds.**

To acknowledge this day, we will have a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 3rd December and we request that each pupil brings in £1

Advent

As 2021 draws to a close, we have reached that time of year when we begin to look back. **This Sunday is first day of Advent and heralds the beginning of the Catholic Church's new year.** Advent is the Church season encompassing the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas. Whilst we will all be thinking of and making preparations for Christmas Advent will help us to remember and prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Yours sincerely

Mr Sweeney