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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you all for your fantastic support in attending our Christmas concerts last week. We were all very proud of your children's performances on stage and we were delighted that so many of you came along to support us. A big thank you to our teachers for all their hard work and preparation together with our SNAs for their assistance and support too. We were delighted that the concerts were such a great success.

Before we close for the Christmas holidays tomorrow, I'd like to remind you about **pick up times for children on Wednesday 21st December**: In the interest of health and safety and in order to avoid overcrowding and congestion as we close on Wednesday, we would like to remind you about the following staggered pick up times for your children:

11.45: Junior and Senior Infants

11.50: 1st and 2nd classes, Speech and Language class

12.00: 3rd - 6th classes

If your child has a sibling in a younger class, they may be picked up at the departure time of their younger sibling, similarly to how we organise pick-ups at the end of a normal school day. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter to avoid large numbers of pupils exiting the school at the same time.

6th class Christmas Charity Appeal for the Portmarnock Lions' Club: On behalf of our 6th class pupils, Student Council members and their teachers, I would like to express our immense gratitude to so many of you who donated non-perishable goods to our Christmas charity appeal in aid of the Lions' Club. Thanks to all of you, Christmas hampers will be distributed to a great number of needy families in our community. Representatives from the Lions' Club came to collect everything today and they were delighted with the fantastic response from our school community. Your generosity and kindness is going to make such a difference to so many families. We are very proud of our new Student Council students for all their support in organising and collecting for this initiative. Thanks also to Ms. Whelan and our 6th class teachers Mr. Corkery, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Spellacy for their guidance and support.

Finally I'd like to thank all of our teachers and SNAs for their dedicated hard work during the past term. Special thanks to Mr. Scallan, our Acting Deputy Principal and to all of our Management team who provide such great support to me in leading and managing the school. Thanks also to Deirdre and Regina, our job sharing secretaries and special thanks also to Paddy and David, our caretakers.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your co-operation and support and to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year! We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year, on Thursday **5th January 2023**.

Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir!

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Sinéad Trimble