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Dear Parents,

**Christmas Concert 2023:** congratulations to all the pupils on a fantastic Christmas Show, they were all just brilliant!! It was wonderful to see the hall full and our community coming together again. I'm hoping to have a copy of the show before the Christmas holidays. And a huge big thank you for all your generosity for the bake sale, from providing the baked goodies to the donations. We raised an amazing €457.97 for Clare Haven which I will be dropping to them today.

**School Self Evaluation (SSE) in Wellbeing:** This year we are focusing our SSE on the promotion of wellbeing in Rineen NS. Schools are in a unique position to promote wellbeing and social and emotional learning, and should ensure a whole school approach to wellbeing promotion. Students flourish where there is a whole school approach to supporting their growth and where there is a shared belief in their potential for development, learning and wellbeing. Boards of management, school leaders and school staff are responsible for providing an environment that nurtures and supports students, and play a central role in providing leadership and direction for the implementation of a comprehensive and integrated approach to wellbeing promotion. We are at our information-gathering stage, where we will consult with and collect information from key stakeholders, including staff, pupils and parents, relating to current practice in the key areas of wellbeing promotion. This information is essential in order to highlight positive aspects and strengths in their practice and identify areas for development. We would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes over the weekend to fill out our parent questionnaire that went home in school bags today.

**Clare Blue Health & Wellbeing Passport:** I'm sending home a booklet we received from Healthy Ireland Clare. It contains a list of playgrounds, nice walks & wellbeing hubs for each area in Clare, as well as advice for staying safe outdoors. Hopefully if the weather plays ball you might get to enjoy the initiative over the Christmas holidays.

**Christmas Draw:** our Christmas Draw took place today, thank you all for selling cards & for sourcing and sponsoring prizes for it. We raised a mighty €1230.85. Our winners are:

Áine Rouine, Mary Malone, Johnny Foran, Anne Molohan, Margaret Redmond, Séadna Flanagan, Anne Healy, Margot Meade, Frank Buckley, Sadie Ronane, Karen O'Neill, Mary Crowley, John Vaughan, Mary Coughlan, Noel Lineen, John Keightley, Mary Curtin, Beata Gazda, Eddie Keane, Declan Morrissey, Damian Duran, Leo Mangan, Matt Strefford, Maura Folan, Caroline Hayes, Kerry Malone, James Rushe, Bridget Haran, Amber Griffin & Peter Hayes.

**Christmas Holidays:** Pupils may wear their Christmas jumpers next Friday if they wish. We will be closing on Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12pm for Christmas.

Kind regards,

Nicola Sheehan ☺