



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to focus this newsletter on some amazing acts of generosity by our neighbours in Clare. One of the first things to brighten my week on Monday was the arrival of a buff-coloured envelope with a letter from Kate of Harris and Harris books enclosed (you can see this on our Facebook page, if you are interested). Basically, Kate has decided to make a donation to five organisations in Clare whom she feels have made a contribution to the community throughout the last year or so and she chose us as one of these recipients! She has given us a £200 book token to spend in the shop, and I am bowled over by her kind gesture. Mrs Stranger cannot wait to choose some more gripping books for our library which all the children will benefit from.

Then, on Wednesday, I popped down to the Co-op where I was presented with a cheque for £250 to provide some much-needed updated furnishings for our Nurture room. The Co-op, you might remember, also donated a sizeable sum of money towards our Gazebo last summer, so we are extremely grateful that they continue to support us in this way. We have just had to get rid of our two comfortable chairs because they have been quite literally worn out by so much usage, so we hope to use the money towards a two-seater sofa in the book corner.

Finally, Clare United Reformed Church contacted me some time ago to say that they wanted to help to ensure that all children could access available technology during the lockdown period. They have put almost £1000 towards funding seven tablets and their cases which will ensure all of our children can log onto Zoom meetings, access Internet resources and have work uploaded to Tapestry. This generosity is outstanding, and makes me feel very proud to be part of the wider community in Clare. What kind, outward-looking people we have in our town!

You will have seen the announcements yesterday about the possibility of some kind of return for schools from March 8th. I have no additional information about this, and we will continue as we are until further notice. Whilst it is encouraging to have some kind of date in sight, there are still a further four definite weeks of home-schooling to go, so it is vital that children are attending Zoom meetings, and we maintain the systems we have in place. This includes support for you all. Please don't hesitate to email, phone, or drop us a line via Tapestry. We will respond as quickly as possible. Keep smiling!!

Warm wishes,

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