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Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all those monsters and helpers involved in the Monster March before Halloween. A total of more than €4,700 was raised and much fun was had by all. There are still a handful of cards not returned so please do so immediately. Some photos are available online at [www.leighlin.net](http://www.leighlin.net). Well done to everybody!

Many thanks to those who gave Christmas boxes for the Operation Christmas Child project. There were approximately 70 boxes donated. More details on the project are available at [www.samaritanspurse.ie](http://www.samaritanspurse.ie).

Parent-Teacher meetings will be held on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of December, between 2 - 4 p.m. each day. For convenience we presume you can attend on either day but if you have a strong preference **please let us know by the end of this week at the latest**. These meetings provide the teachers and you the parents with an important opportunity to discuss the progress of your child. We look forward to seeing you in the school on those days. (The school is closed for pupils on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December.)

While on the subject of meeting teachers, I would like to remind you to please ring and make an appointment if you wish to speak to a teacher about any matter that may take a little time. Brief but important pieces of information can be passed on in the homework journal. We always do our best to accommodate parents but these (what seem like minor) interruptions add up and take away from teaching time, which affects every child in the class. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Unfortunately Dearbhala Egan has suffered an injury which will involve an extended absence and which will mean there will be no Speech & Drama for the rest of the term at least. The teachers and Parents Association are working on putting alternative arrangements in place.

Practice for the Hallelujah Concert is in full swing and preparation is continuing for Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November in the Point Theatre. Places have been at a premium this year and for those children who have had to miss out, we will make sure that they are first on the list for the next time.

If anybody has any Tesco sports tokens lying around we will accept them. The deadline is imminent so please send them in immediately. Thank you.

Please find attached a leaflet from the Back to Education Initiative, which is worthy of our support. It takes courage and determination for some people to return to education and those working with them deserve great credit for providing such a worthwhile service which can make a real difference to people's lives.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal