Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Once again, we are asking parents not to send Christmas presents into school for children to exchange with class mates or other children.

The reasons remain as last year:

1. The risk of spreading the virus through the exchange of an item from one household to another.
2. The cost involved and the need to go into shops to purchase gifts.
3. The potential exclusion of some children who may not receive presents.

Each class will have a simple post box in their room and children can bring in Christmas cards to ‘post’ into the post box. These cards will be distributed to the children, to bring home, before they leave school for their Christmas break. Please try to have all cards into school by the December 13th. This means we can let the cards lie for several days, allowing potential virus to dissipate, before giving them to the children on December 17th, the final day before the Christmas break.

Last year we took the decision not to have gifts brought in for staff. We understand and accept that you may want to send in a gift to a member of staff to show your appreciation but please know, you are under no obligation to do so.

The run up to Christmas in school will still have lots of fun and excitement but we will be doing all we can to ensure everyone’s safety.

Yours sincerely,

The Staff of St Malachy’s P.S.