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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope that you and yours are well as we countdown to Christmas! We are all very excited here and all classrooms are embracing the Christmas spirit with fabulous artwork, drama, song-singing and even demonstrating our culinary skills in the kitchen! Our Advent wreath and crib in the front porch remind us that Jesus is the reason for the season as we prepare for His birthday.

Parents' Council - Christmas Raffles.

I wish to thank most sincerely our Parents' Council for all their work over the last few weeks. Our Christmas raffles were a great success, congratulations to all the prize winners (see Homepage of website for details). Thanks to all of you who supported us so generously and to all our sponsors and local businesses.

The Helix Panto.

I am delighted to let you know that all classes will be virtually attending the Christmas panto broadcast from The Helix. We will be tuning in to the production of Red Riding Hood on Friday. Thanks to our Board of Management for funding this lovely treat for the children and thanks to Ms. Brereton for organising.

Other festive activities.

* **Active Advent:** All classes are enjoying participating in the activities from the Active Advent Calendar displayed in the school hall. Each day we open a door on the Active Calendar and complete the activity of the day.

* **Santa Dash:** On Friday we hope to do a Santa Dash in school, using our active walkway (weather permitting). Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper if they wish.

* **Christmas Walk:** On Monday we intend to go on a Christmas walk around the town (weather permitting). Once again children may wear a Christmas jumper, make sure to wave if you meet us on the way!

Remember to keep an eye on our website and twitter page for information and pictures, thanks to Ms. Brereton and Ms. Sheppard.

Christmas holidays.

The school will **close** for Christmas holidays on Wednesday, **22nd December at 12 noon**. It **re-opens** on Thursday, **6th January at 9.20am**.

To mention also that, as we have done before, children will be bringing home their school books when we close for the holidays. This is purely precautionary as there is no mention from the Department that there will be any change to the calendar, so we expect to be back on 6th January as planned.

May I take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for your help and support this first term. We have worked together to keep our school community safe as we continue to battle this virus. I know you concur with me when I express my heartfelt appreciation to all the children in the school who have demonstrated such strength of character and resilience throughout this pandemic, the future looks very bright indeed.

I hope you all have a happy Christmas and every good wish for the year ahead, stay well and safe. Hope Santa visits!

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir,

Slán agus beannacht,

M. Rohan.