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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is fast approaching and we would like to share our plans with you.

In line with the Cost of the School Day, staff will not be giving presents to pupils and we ask that no presents are given from pupils to staff.

We ask that children do not send each other Christmas Cards. Children will be encouraged to send virtual Christmas cards and messages to each other through Microsoft Teams.

Sadly, there will be no Nativity or school shows this Christmas. However, each class will prepare something 'Christmassy' that you will be able to watch online.

Christmas parties for P1-P7 will take place on Friday 18th December. To ensure children remain within their 'bubble', parties will take place in the classrooms. Children will have a day of Christmas fun. Children have the option of dressing down or dressing up for Christmas. Children will be provided with a wrapped biscuit, packet of crisps and carton of juice. All hygiene measures will be adhered to, in line with Scottish Government guidance.

The Christmas parties for the nursery will take place on Wednesday 16th December. Children will remain within their pods for the duration of the party. Children will be provided with a wrapped biscuit, packet of crisps and carton of juice. All hygiene measures will be adhered to, in line with Scottish Government guidance.

Our Parent Council is funding an online pantomime, 'Robin Hood and His Socially Distanced Men', which children will watch in their classroom or in their nursery pod. A wrapped packet of sweets and a carton of juice will be provided for each child.

Should your child have any allergies or intolerances, please let the school office know.

Our school chaplain, Reverend Bryan Kerr will present a live and interactive Christmas assembly to each class and nursery pod via Google Meet.

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Santa Claus has been officially classed as a key worker. As you may know, the Worldwide Christmas Jingle is for communities to gather on their doorsteps and ring bells at 6pm on Christmas Eve. In order to support this, Reverend Kerr is donating materials for each child to make a set of little bells. The children can use the bells to show their appreciation for the man who is defying the virus and keeping his promise to visit every country in the world.

We hope to make the weeks leading up to Christmas as fun as they can possibly be in the current circumstances.

Kind Regards,

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