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Dear Parents,

NEWSLETTER AND CORONA VIRUS UPDATE 27

As we head towards the final fortnight of the Autumn term, we are filled with a cautious optimism about vaccines and begin to reflect on the many challenges for all of us over the last nine months. Yet we know January will see the same arrangements in school and that there is some way to go before the breakthrough in science will make its greatest impact on our communities.

The school has missed the closer communication with our families, yet we only have to refer to national statistics to be reminded why we have placed risk management as a top priority throughout this term and systems have worked well because our children and families have responded so proactively. Thank you!

School Closing for Christmas Holiday

School normally finishes at 1.30pm at the end of a normal Autumn term but we will stagger this departure as follows

- 1.10pm Nursery* (*All day children)
- 1.00pm Reception (Devey) 5F and 5/6H
- 1.10pm Reception/Y1(Plunkett) 3S and 6M
- 1.20pm 2C and 2G
- 1.30pm 1T 3/4C and 4S

I am very mindful that 18th December will be a busy day so we will ensure that we adhere strictly to these dismissal times to preserve all the hard work which has gone into social distancing.

You will know that you will receive a progress report for your child for this term. As I have stated in previous correspondence. this replaces the Autumn parents' meeting but furthermore is designed to give you a clear overview of your child's progress this term.

Advent Liturgies

Fr Dominic Curran has very kindly agreed to celebrate Advent liturgies via online Zoom for our infants and Juniors over the next two weeks.

Santa Dash

Yesterday you received a letter from Coach Rose regarding a Santa Dash Christmas Fun Run on 11th December

Christmas Parties

Children will have a little Christmas party within their class bubble on Thursday 17th December in the afternoon

Christmas Holiday Vouchers

We are due to hear from Sefton Local Authority next week about the arrangements for Free School Meal vouchers over the Christmas holidays. We will keep you informed in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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