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 **11th December 2020**

Dear Parents,

**Talent Show**

Congratulations to all the senior pupils who led a very enjoyable talent show for the whole school this afternoon. Fortunately it was dry so we were able to put chairs outside and both classrooms got to watch it. We had dancers, singers, magicians, comedy acts and football skill demonstrations. It was a great success!

**Nativity Play**

We will be showing our Nativity Play on zoom at 7pm on Thursday 17th December. A zoom invitation will be e-mailed to you on Thursday. As the two classes can't mix, all of the scenes were pre-recorded separately in the parish hall. The singing has been recorded outside and where possible, the pupils have been recorded with the pupils who sit nearest to them. It will be very different from our usual traditional carol service. We hope that you will all be able to join us. Many grandparents usually come to our carol service every year. If there are grandparents or close family members who wish to view our zoom nativity play, please send us their names and e-mail addresses and we will send an invitation to them.

**Additional Activities Payment**

The 'Additional Activities Payment' is €50 per pupil. This payment covers personal pupil insurance, stationary, photocopying and art supplies. It also covers the cost of extra activities such as tennis lessons or music concerts from visiting musicians. These are examples of activities that could safely take place outside later in the school year. This payment is now due. Thank you to all the families who have paid it so promptly.

**Dates for your Diary**

Wednesday 16th December: Board of Management Meeting

Thursday 17th December: Nativity Play at 7pm

Monday 21st December: The Buttimer Bake Off

Tuesday 22nd December: School will close for the Christmas holidays at 12pm

Wednesday 6th January: School re-opens