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Dear Parents.

#### Pantomime for St. Vincent de Paul:

Every December we hold our Bring & Buy Sale in aid of our local St. Vincent de Paul. While we can't have the sale this year we would still like to continue our tradition of raising some money for such a worthwhile cause.

To do this we have decided to show The 2020 Helix Pantomime, The Sword in the Stone to all classes before the Christmas holidays. There is no cost to the children for this. Instead, if you wish, they can bring a money donation which will be given to St. Vincent de Paul before Christmas.

Each teacher will make their own arrangements for showing the pantomime and will let you know these through Class Dojo.

You can find out more about The Helix Panto at this link: Whats on Dublin | Upcoming Events & Things to Do- Helix Dublin (thehelix.ie)

### Parents' Council Christmas Raffle:

Thanks to everyone who has sent back raffle cards for the Parents' Council Christmas Raffle. Please return your cards by Friday 18th December. We will hold the raffle on Tuesday 22nd. There is going to be a free raffle for the children also. The Parent's Council have very kindly organised two lovely hampers of books and other goodies as prizes. This draw will also take place on Tuesday 22nd.

# Santa Visit to the School:

We are also working very closely with Santa Claus and his Covid Health and Safety Committee to arrange a safe and Covid compliant visit to the school before the holidays. Obviously this will have to follow our Covid procedures as well but if everything can be organised we hope Santa will pay a flying visit sometime before the holidays.

#### **Christmas Videos:**

One of the highlights of the school year is our Christmas Play. All classes work together for the few weeks before Christmas to put on a whole school show. Unfortunately this is not possible at the moment. However, this year each class will record a short video and send it home before the holidays.

## **Christmas Holidays:**

A reminder that the school will close for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 22nd December at 12.30pm. We reopen on Wednesday 6th January.

#### Enrolment for 2021/22:

The enrolment process for 2021/22 begins on January 14th and will end on January 29th. Application for Admission Forms will be available from the office or to download from our website in January.

#### Thank You:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout what has been a challenging year for everyone. I also want to acknowledge and say thanks to the incredible teaching and non-teaching staff of our school for all they have done this year. And of course I also want to say a special well done to all the children for the energy and enthusiasm they have shown since their return to school.

On behalf of the Board of Management and everyone in the school I wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mícheál Hyland