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Christmas Plans at Braidside 2020

Dear Parents,

Now that we are in the last week of November, we want to share some information on our plans for Christmas this year. Things may be slightly different but we very much hope to have plenty of festive cheer for the children and activities for them to enjoy; starting with some decorations which have already begun to appear around school.

Each year at Braidside, the staff have received very generous, thoughtful and kind gifts from the children and parents at Christmastime. Indeed, we have always been overwhelmed by the generosity shown. However, we are very aware that this has been a difficult and challenging year for many families, in many ways and so this year we would ask that you do not send in staff presents. If parents wish a donation could be made instead to a local charity, in lieu of gifts e.g Trussel Trust Foodbank, Women's Aid, or Trocaire's Christmas Appeal to name a few. We remain very grateful for your support.

Instead of our annual Christmas Show, each class will instead, have the opportunity to put together their own little Christmas activity, be that a song, a story, poems, letters, etc. We hope that each class can record their activity and share this on their class webpage. We will also have a Christmas assembly, which will take place online during the last week of term.

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, we will celebrate **Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 10th December** and we hope to have a **special dinner option during the week beginning 7th Dec too**. The new menu for December should be issued this week and will be on the website in due course.

In relation to pupils exchanging gifts, we would also ask that parents refrain from sending these into school this year. Pupils may exchange cards and this year we would ask that pupils bring in their cards and give them to their class teacher before Fri 4th Dec. They will then be quarantined in school and distributed to children the following week. We know that children enjoy the tradition of writing their cards and sharing these with their friends.

In the next few weeks, we hope the children will still enjoy a variety of seasonal activities and fun lessons in the build-up to this special time of year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Principal