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PARENTAL UPDATE 11-12-20

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thankfully, the Minister of Education has announced that schools should remain open until the date they were scheduled to close for the Christmas holidays. This announcement has provided some clarity during these uncertain times and hopefully reduced the added burden on parents of juggling childcare.

Therefore, as stated previously, school will finish for the Christmas holiday on **Friday 18th December**.

Staggered finishing times on 18th December are as follows:

P1/2	P3	P4/5	P5/6	P7
11.40 am	11.45 am	11.50 am	11.55 am	12.00 noon

Siblings will leave together at the time of the youngest sibling.

In the mean-time I would like to draw your attention to the following points:

Classwork/Homework

During the week beginning **Monday 14th December**, pupils will be engaged in classwork which will generally entail a Christmas theme, whilst also completing any unfinished work as necessary. However, written homework, spellings and reading will not be set.

Movie Day



Wednesday 16th December will be a Movie Day. Pupils are allowed to bring popcorn and a drink to enjoy whilst watching a film in their class bubble.

Change to Healthy Break

Canteen staff will not be providing healthy break on **Wednesday 16th & Friday 18th December**.

Change to dinner menu

- As all pupils will be going home at the earlier, staggered times on Friday 18th December there will be no school dinner provided on that day.
- School dinner on **Thursday 17th December** will now be **vegetable/chicken soup & hot dog/cheese roll** instead of cottage pie/homemade pizza.

Class Christmas Performances

Class performances were successfully videoed on Wednesday and are currently being edited in readiness for posting via Google Classroom. This process takes quite some time to complete. Each performance will be uploaded to Google Classroom on **Monday 14th December**, rather than today. I would like to thank all of the pupils for their hard work learning their lines and songs and of course performing them so superbly. My thanks also go to the staff for all of their patience and encouragement in preparation for each performance. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Kimber for videoing and editing each performance which has been a long, painstaking task.

P1/2 Nativity "It's A Baby!"
P3 "The True Meaning of Christmas."
P4/5 "Straw and Order."
P5/6 "Christmas Songs and Poems."
P7 "Babushka."



P1 Admissions

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we are unable to have an open morning this year. Applications for P1 for September 2021 will again be online through the EA website from **7th January to 29th January 2021**, www.eani.org.uk/admissions.

If you know of any parents in the local area interested in sending their child to Richmount, please get them to contact the school by phone, or email me at mhall215@c2kni.net if they require any information. ***A short promotional video will be posted on the school's Facebook page and website prior to Christmas.***

Google Classroom

Please ensure that your child is continuing to engage with Google Classroom in order to facilitate any blended learning to take place. Access to the system is also vital should another lockdown be announced at any point in the future.



Google Classroom

As you will only be too aware, all of our plans can be subject to change, depending upon the ongoing situation.

Keep Safe!

Yours sincerely

M. Hall (Principal)