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Dear Parents / Carers,



Christmas parties

We have organised the dates for the Christmas parties for the week beginning the 14th December. If your child's party is in the morning, they should come to school wearing their 'party clothes' and for those classes whose party is in the afternoon they can either wear their clothes to school in the morning or they will be able to get changed at lunchtime. **This year under the circumstances we are asking that parents/carers do not collect their child at lunchtime to get them ready for their parties.** We want to avoid parents/carers gathering in the playground. The children will be given plenty of time to get ready and staff will help the children to get changed prior to their party.

Monday 14 th	P4	pm		
Tuesday 15 th	P6/5 (Mrs Connelly)	am	P6/5 (Miss Jones)	pm
Wednesday 16 th	P2	am	P1 (Both classes)	pm
Thursday 17 th	P7	am	EYC	pm
Friday 18 th	P3	am		

We have also organised a surprise appearance of Santa, 'live from the North Pole' for the EYC - P3 classes.

Panto Performance

The Gaiety is undertaking a Christmas Project - The Scunner That Stole Christmas. This project is to be filmed in five episodes which will be broadcast from week beginning 30th November until Christmas Eve and contains community engagement. The episodes are available to view online through the Gaiety website. Part of the project is to 'doorstep' five local schools, which would be part of one of the episodes and Gardenrose has been invited to be one of those five schools. P4-7 will be involved in this and we will be using the open plan classrooms and open area to ensure that classes remain in their 'bubbles'.

We have also arranged for the whole school to watch a live performance of Cinderella on 17th December where audience participation will be encouraged, through their interactive screens.

Advent Calendar

We have also launched on Facebook and twitter our virtual Christmas Advent Calendar, where each class will be sharing a Christmas performance, story or art work for each day of December.

Although we do not have any Nativities or Christmas events for parents to attend this year, we are trying to make it as enjoyable as possible for the children. The school has been beautifully decorated by our school assistants and we are looking forward to the Christmas lunch on Friday. We hope that this will help all of our families get into the festive spirit.

Christmas Cards and Calendars

We have been inundated with orders for our Christmas Cards and calendars and as such have had to order additional resources to meet demand. This has resulted in a delay in orders being sent out to parents. We are in the process of printing and finalising these and hopefully they should be ready at the beginning of next week. Thank you for your patience.

Yours sincerely

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