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| *C:\Users\patricia.mooney\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\B7F339BB.tmp****Message from the Head Teacher***  *Dear Parents/Carers,*  *With Christmas just around the corner, I am sure preparations are well and truly underway. In school, learning continues as normal and the children are still working extremely hard in the lead up to the holiday period.*  *As we approach the end of what has been a truly testing time for everyone, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our extended school family, for all the continued support, understanding and patience. Especially, our children! We are all extremely proud of how courageous they are.*  *On behalf of all the staff, I would like to extend my warmest wishes for a happy and holy Christmas.*  *God Bless!*  *Mrs F. A Burns*  *Head Teacher* |
| ***Food bank***  *Donate – Bow Food BankDuring the month of December, Miss Duffy and the children in Primary 6 organised a food bank collection to help those in need during the festive season. The food donated was enough to provide 250 meals, well done! Thank you all for your continued generosity and kindness.* |
| ***Nativity***  *C:\Users\patricia.mooney\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\5BD589BA.tmpSadly, due to the many restrictions, our Infant Nativity is unable to take place this year. We know that it is something that our school community really enjoys. Hopefully, when there is a return to normality the children will get the opportunity to showcase their many talents.* |
| ***Christmas Crafts***  *Wonderful Decoration Christmas Crafts Clip Art Free - Christmas Crafts Clip  Art - Png Download (#3109415) - PikPngIn class, the children have been busy making Christmas crafts. Although we are unable to hold our annual Fair, the children will be able to purchase the items they have made. Information to follow.* |

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| **Diary Dates** | | |
| 8.12.20  9.12.20 | Christmas Lunch  P1-3/4  P4-7 | Children can wear a Christmas jumper or something festive. |
| 15.12.20 | 1.30 p.m. Whole School online Mass | Children will participate in Mass, streamed live on St. Barbara’s Facebook page. |
| 16.12.20 | Online pantomime  Whole School and Nursery class | Children will enjoy watching a Christmas panto, online. They will be provided with treats and can wear something festive. |
| 17.12.20 | Whole school Christmas activity afternoon | All children will participate in a variety of activities in their own class. |
| 18.12.20  Last day of term | Christmas movie day | Children will watch a movie in class.  **Dress down day.** |
| **School reopens on Wednesday 6th of January 2021 for pupils** | | |

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