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Dear Parents,

Upcoming Strike Action

As you may be aware, a number of Trade Unions including the (INTO) Irish National Teachers Organisation will be taking part in a half-day of industrial action next Wednesday 29th November. Teaching staff who are members of these trade unions will be unavailable for work until 12 noon on this date.

As a result of this action, **school will not open until 12 noon next Wednesday 29th November.**

Children who cannot attend school on that day will be marked in on the register using an appropriate code that will mean it is not counted as an unauthorised absence.

School meals will be available for children who are entitled to free school meals only, **others will require a packed lunch.**

High-5 Friday

High-5 Friday will take place next Friday 1st December. This is a whole school emotional health and wellbeing programme based on the 'Take 5 steps to Wellbeing' (Connect / Be Active / Take Notice / Keep Learning / Give) EA initiative. Children will have a fun and relaxed day to support their emotional health and well-being. There will be no testing and children can wear their own clothes (children can take in £1 towards school funds on this day).

Pantomime

All children will attend 'Aladdin' in the Market Place Theatre on Tuesday 5th December at 1.00pm. The cost is £15.00 per child for this event – please make payment on or before Friday 1st December in a clearly labelled, sealed envelope (we will take this as permission for your child to attend). There will be no dinners served on this day – all children will need a packed lunch. We will leave school at 12.15pm and return at 3.45pm (approx).

Christmas Dinner

A full traditional Christmas Dinner will be served in school on Thursday 14th December. The cost of Christmas Dinner is £2.60 per child which can be paid on the week of the dinner. Please ensure to book your child's meal via the google forms link by next Friday so that orders can be forwarded to the kitchen. Children can wear something festive on the day.

Homework

Homework will be reduced for all children week beginning 11th December and there will be no homework week beginning 18th December. Children who are learning a lot of lines for our Christmas performances may already be on a reduced homework as agreed with their teacher.

French Tuition / Music / Dinner Payments

Please ensure that all outstanding payments for dinner, French tuition and music are made by Friday 1st December.

Christmas Performances

Tuesday 19th December @ 10.00am – Primary 1 Christmas Assembly – Parochial Hall (P1 family members invited)

Tuesday 19th December @ 2.00pm – Primary 2-4 'Santa's Setbacks' – Parochial Hall

Tuesday 19th December @ 7.00pm – Primary 5-7 'Christmas Story' – Chapel

Christmas Raffle

We will hold a Christmas Raffle at our afternoon performance of 'Santa's Setbacks' on Tuesday 29th December. If you would like to donate a prize for this raffle, please notify the school. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase in advance of the show (more details to follow).

Yours sincerely,

S Mone

Principal

