



***Braidside Integrated Primary  
and Nursery School***  
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1989- 2019: 30 Years of Integration

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Dear Parents,

We are fast-approaching the end of term and the Christmas break. It's been a very busy half-term and all the classes are now participating in some fun seasonal activities.

Throughout this past half term we have completed work related to Road safety, World Kindness Day, Anti-Bullying week as well as Outdoor Classroom day. In the new term, we will have new topics for the children to look forward to, as well as Parent Interviews to discuss progress.



Each year at Braidside, staff have received very generous, thoughtful and kind gifts from the children and parents at Christmas time. Indeed, we have always been overwhelmed by the generosity shown. However, we are very aware that this has been another difficult and challenging year for many families, in many ways and so this year we would ask again 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.



#### **Christmas Treats Nursery to P7**

All our classes are now practising and preparing to put together a little Christmas treat, be that a song or poem. Classes will be recording next week and this will be shared this on their class webpage by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December. No doubt the children may be singing and practising songs already at home and we hope parents will enjoy this.

In relation to pupils exchanging cards, this can continue as usual as we no longer have to quarantine paper/ card in school. We know pupils enjoy writing their cards and distributing them to their friends.



**Dates for your Diary:**

**Nursery Open Day Appointments:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup>- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> (from 1pm- 2.30pm)

**P1 Open Day Appointments:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup>/ Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> (from 2:15pm- 4:30pm)

Please call the school office (25647899) to book your appointment.

**Christmas Party Box Lunch:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December (children may wear Christmas clothes/ non-uniform)

**Christmas Song Treats:** Available online by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**End of Term:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec (school will finish with a half-day)

**Back to School:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 @ 9am

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

*J McAuley*

Principal