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Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Jumper fundraiser today - the council members have been busy counting and to date we have gathered almost £300 but are expecting to exceed that as some pupils have said that they will bring money in on Monday.

We have had a joyfully musical week in school with the:

• P6 Mass in Newry Cathedral, at which we almost raised the roof of the church with our amazing singing- well done P6 pupils. • Carol singing with Mrs Noonan's choir in our locality- thank you Mrs Noonan and all the children- you were terrific ambassadors for our school and spread great Christmas cheer in our town.

We were also incredibly proud of our wonderful P4 pupils who received their first confession with reverence and maturity. I could see how proud you their parents were and I shared in that joy. Our staff prepared your sons and daughters with loving dedication and I know that you share my appreciation for all that they invested into the preparations.

Next week will be another busy week in school with Christmas plays, Nursery 'Ditch the Dummy Christmas celebration' and a visit from Santa on Wednesday. We are very excited. School will then **close on Thursday 21st December @ 12pm**

**and will reopen on Monday 8th January.**

And as we all strive to remember the true reason for this special season, we recall that this Sunday is 'Gaudete Sunday'- otherwise known as 'Joyful Sunday'- it is the day when the pink candle is lit on the Advent Wreath in the churches and we excitedly realise that we are more than halfway through the Advent season and our preparations for the coming of Jesus.

As we come to the end of a busy and productive first term, I wish your families every blessing for a peaceful and blessed Christmas and best wishes to you all for a healthy and happy 2024!

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours in partnership,

*Mrs Monaghan*

