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Principal's update 9 December 2022

Dear Parents,

I commence by thanking you for your generosity in supporting our **appeal for Newry Larder**. We had been provided with a tonne bag and had hoped that with your help we would fill it- we did- twice over and I know that the donations are still coming (The final day for donations is Thursday 15 December) so I am hoping that we might fill it a third time!!!!!!!!!!!!

*Your generosity is astounding.*

This Sunday is '**Gaudete Sunday**'- The children know it 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 halfway through the Advent season and our preparations for the coming of Jesus.

Mrs Donnelly spoke at the senior school assembly about the beautiful tradition of placing some Holy Water on the Baby Jesus figure from your crib and wrapping him up and placing him as a gift under your Christmas tree, a precious gift to be the first gift opened on Christmas morning.

Next week will be a busy week in school.

**Tuesday 13th December @ 11.00** -P4 Pupils will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

@ 1.15 - Junior choir will be carol singing in Ardmaine Nursing Home.

**Thursday 15th December @ 11.00**- A selection of choir members will be carol singing in Newry Credit Union.

**Friday 16th December- Christmas Jumper Day**

@ 10.15 - Nursery families' Christmas Walk & 'Ditch the Dummy' event- (Morning Class)

@ 12.30 - Nursery families' Christmas Walk & 'Ditch the Dummy' event- (Afternoon Class)

@11.00 - P3 Mrs Mc Keown's/Mrs Tierney's class play- parents are invited.

@1.00- P3 Miss Duffy's class play- parents are invited.

Yours in partnership,

*Mrs Monaghan*