



18th November 2021

CHRISTMAS SHOWS – UPDATE

Dear parent (s),

P5, P6 & P7 – SHREK

As you are probably aware we had planned to put on a Musical performance in St. John's Parochial Hall with the P5, P6 & P7 children on Thursday 16th December. We had completed a COVID-19 risk assessment and the staff and B.O.G. were in agreement to have an audience.

We had given out scripts and had begun auditioning for parts this week and were totally overwhelmed by the array of talent within this group of children. We had also booked professional sound and lighting for the performances and had begun updating the stage with new side curtains and painting a back drop. Overall the staff and pupils were really excited about this show and were looking forward to performing to the school community.

In the last few days, we have been monitoring the COVID-19 situation and are becoming concerned that by the date of the show restrictions may have changed which could impact on hosting the show.

The staff feel that if we put this amount of work into a musical performance that it deserves to have a real audience rather than being videoed. Therefore, we have made the difficult decision to **postpone** the show until later in this school year.

We understand the disappointment but feel this is the most sensible decision under the current circumstances. We are confident that the show will take place later in the year and can't wait to get back to it!

P1-P4 – NATIVITY PLAYS

The P1-P4 classes have been busy preparing nativity plays in the school hall. Unfortunately, due to rising COVID-19 cases, we feel that it would be a risk to bring audiences into the school. As these are Christmas performances, we have made the difficult decision to video them for parents and families. The children will still have all the positive experiences of drama and will also have an opportunity to perform in front of the older classes.

We are hugely disappointed with the above decisions but collectively agree that they are the only ones that we can make at present.

Thank-you for your ongoing support,

The staff of St. John's