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Dear Parents,

I've been informed that a number of you are unhappy about the change to the organisation of Christmas productions this year. I want to reassure you that we aren't stopping the children from taking part in Christmas celebrations and every class will be doing something that we really hope you will join us in school for.

Traditional Christmas plays, concerts, pantomimes and nativities take weeks of preparation by the staff with their children. In the past, classes have spent approximately 6-7 weeks rehearsing for productions at Christmas; daily rehearsals have taken a huge amount of time out of class impacting on your children's learning. We feel taking weeks out of class to rehearse a Christmas play hasn't helped the attainment and progress of many children. With this in mind we have decided to scale down the productions and therefore the amount of learning time out of class as Christmas plays are only one aspect of our celebrations with you and the children.

As explained in the newsletter, this year the children will be taking part in:

Advent Preparations

Please join us for our Advent Preparations taking place throughout December in the school hall:

Friday 1st Dec: Yr 6 Introduction to Advent Liturgy 9.05am HOPE

Wednesday 6th Dec: Yr 4 Lead whole school Mass for Advent 2pm

Friday 8th Dec: Yr 3 Advent Candle Service 9.05am PEACE

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th Dec: FS & KSI Nativity 1.45pm

Friday 15th Dec: Yr 5 Advent Candle Service 9.05am JOY

Friday 22nd Dec: Whole School Advent Candle Service 2pm LOVE



In addition to these events,

- Reception, year 1 & 2 will be going to the pantomime at the Nottingham Playhouse.
- Years 3, 4 & 5 will be going to the Lakeside Theatre.
- Year 6 will be going to the Ice Arena for a Christmas Disco Skate.
- All children will be having Christmas dinner
- Each class will have a Christmas party.
- Foundation Stage are having a Santa's Toyshop picnic.

Whatever your child is doing, singing, acting, preparing prayer etc, I know you will be very proud of them so please join us.

Many thanks,

Mrs Tracy Lane

Headteacher