



Redwell Primary School

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November/ December Newsletter 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

We are nearly at the end of another very busy term, which has included two Sharing Learning afternoons for P5 and P7 classes, various sports events, Alloa's Great War performance by P6 and the start of our class trips.

Christmas Concerts:

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone along to this year's Christmas Concert. There are 4 performances taking place from Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th December. Our P1 and P2 children will be performing 'A Miracle In Town' followed by a P4-P7 Christmas sing a long. There are still a few tickets available for the Tuesday and Wednesday performances.

Christmas Jumper Appeal

We request that children in P4-P7 wear something sparkly, a Christmas jumper, tinsel etc. for their concert. If you have any outgrown Christmas jumpers that you wish to donate to school as extras this would be very much appreciated. Please send these into school and we can distribute them.

P1 and P2 Meet Santa Afternoon

Our Parent Council have organised the Meet Santa Afternoons after school on the following dates:

P1: Tuesday 3rd Dec 3pm-4:30pm

P2: Wednesday 4th Dec 3pm-4:30pm

Information about these events was issued in November by our Parent Council with opportunity for children to get tickets to attend.

Christmas Parties:

Children can bring clothes to change into for their Christmas party. If however they are going home for lunch that day, they will be dismissed from their wing at 12:30pm. All children will enter the school after lunch from their usual lining up place at 1:15pm.

Tuesday 17th December: P6 and P7: 1.15pm - 3pm

Wednesday 18th December: P4 and P5: 1.15pm - 3pm

Thursday 19th December: P1, P2 and P3 1.15pm-3pm

Wednesday 18th December: Nursery parties (info already sent by nursery team.)

Christmas Lunch

There is a change to our usual school dinner menu on **Tuesday 17th December**. This is the day of our special Christmas lunch: a traditional turkey lunch or vegetarian alternative followed by chocolate Christmas tree ice cream!

P7 Christmas Fayre

Our P7 classes will be hosting a Christmas Fayre in the Purple Wing on Thursday 12th December. There will be a variety of stalls selling Christmas goodies, a bake sale and face painting. All classes will have the opportunity to go along during the day and parents/ carers can also drop in after 3pm. The fayre will be open until 3:30pm.



Church Service:

Christmas Service at St Mungo's Parish Church at 9.45am on Friday 20th December. Parents and carers are very welcome to meet us at the church and join in our Christmas Service.

Christmas Trolley

Our donation trolley in the foyer has been converted into a Christmas sleigh. Please feel free to drop any small items into the trolley (food, small gifts etc.) and we will pass these onto local charity 'The Gate'. Thank you

Last day arrangements:

****PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.15pm ON FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER 2019 FOR P1 - P7****

****NURSERY WILL BE BUSINESS AS USUAL WITH A 3.30PM FINISH ON FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER 2019****

Lunches will be available on Friday 20th December, as normal or your child can wait until 1.15pm and eat at home.



New P1 Enrolments: Enrolment dates for new P1s to start in August 2020 will be held in Redwell Primary during the week beginning Monday 20th January, 2020. Please report to the main reception any day this week to enrol your child. **To avoid the office busiest times please avoid between 9am and 10am or between 2:30pm to 3:15pm.**

Please bring along your child's Birth Certificate and two documents as proof of your address (eg Council Tax letter, utility bill). If you cannot enrol your child at these times, please call the office on 01259 452212 to arrange an alternative time. Please be aware that if you complete the enrolment form electronically and email it to the school, you will still need to hand in the documentation and sign the form.

School Holiday Consultation

Clackmannanshire Council are seeking views about possible changes to the school holiday pattern. This would mean losing a week in the Summer holidays to make the October holiday two weeks long. A consultation online is available to complete by visiting Clacks Council website where there is a link to follow. The consultation is open until January.

Scottish Government Consultation

Scottish Government have launched a consultation about out of school care in Scotland. This can be completed by visiting <http://bit.ly/OutofSchool>. The survey finishes on 6th December.

CHANGE OF DATE SPORTS DAY 2020

Unfortunately we need to change the date of our planned sports day. It was advertised in our yearly calendar as Thursday 28th May but this now clashes with a P7 transition event. **The new date for our Sports day will be Friday 5th June 2020** (P4-P7 in the morning) (P1-P3 in the afternoon)

Health and wellbeing:



P4-P7 Flu Immunisations

As you will be aware, due to a national shortage of the vaccination, only our P1-3 children received their flu immunisation in November. We can now confirm that rescheduled flu immunisations for children in P4-P7 will take place in school on Friday 6th December.

Celebrating Achievements:

At Redwell we have various pupil groups where children can take on leadership roles to make improvements within our school and wider community. For this session, the following pupil groups have been established:

Pupil Council, Eco Committee, Nature Explorers, Junior Road Safety Officers, Sports Committee.

These groups have met and are in the process of planning the year ahead. An overview of each group and their priorities will be shared soon.

We continue to participate and perform extremely well in variety of sports events this term.



Basketball

Well done to our primary 6 girls basketball team, Peyton, Elise, Abi, Kacie and Rihanna, who won the Clackmannanshire Primary schools basketball tournament at Alloa Academy last month. Our boys basketball team, David, Jude, Udo and Jay, narrowly missed out on winning the boys event and were beaten in the final by Deerpark.

Cross Country

Our P7 boys won the recent Cross Country leagues event, with top 5 finishes from Kieran, Sam and Euan over the two race meetings.

Again our primary 5,6 and 7 pupils performed well at the cross country championships. Harry Miller won a gold medal in the P5 boys race and Kieran Brown and Sam Todd won silver and bronze medals respectively in the primary 7 boys race.

Well done to all of our champion cross country runners who took part in the cross country leagues and championship.

Badminton

Congratulations to our P6/7 badminton team who were runners up in the CPSSA badminton competition in November. They will now progress to compete in the regional finals in January. Well Done!

Congratulations to David Johnstone who represented Redwell in the recent badminton championships. He came second in the boys singles.

Swimming

Congratulations to Kara MacDonald (P7), Farrah Snaddon (P6) Logan Campbell, Olivia Weir, Rhys Watson and Aimee Barrett (all P5) who took part in the Central Schools Swimming Championships at The Peak in Stirling. The team came home with a variety of medals for the races they took part in and should be extremely proud of their success and commitment.



Gymfest

A group of 18 children from P3-P7 represented Redwell at the annual Gymfest festival on 2nd December. The teams performed their energetic dance/ gymnastic routines confidently and we are very proud of their skill and achievement. Well Done!

PE Safety

We have recently noticed a lot of children with earrings in during PE lessons. Please could you ensure your child can remove their earrings before PE lessons or else provide them with tape/plasters to ensure they are covered up. This is for the children's own safety and to prevent any accidents involving earrings.

Parent Council:

The next Parent Council Meeting will take place in school on Thursday 12th December 2019 at 7pm. Please come along.

Headteacher Appointment

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Julie McKenna will be joining our staff team as Headteacher on Monday 6th January. We know that she is looking forward to getting to know our whole school community when she starts after the Christmas holidays.

December/January Dates for your Diary

DECEMBER	
Tuesday 3rd	P1 Meet Santa afternoon 3pm -4:30pm
Wednesday 4th	P2 Meet Santa afternoon 3pm-4:30pm
Thursday 5th	P4 Trip to Dynamic Earth
Friday 6th	P4-P7 Flu Immunisations
Monday 9th	Christmas Concert 1:30pm
Tuesday 10th	Christmas Concerts 10:00am and 1:30pm
Wednesday 11th	Christmas Concert 10:00am
Thursday 12th	P7 Christmas Fayre
Thursday 12th	Parent Council Meeting 7:00pm
Tuesday 17th	P6 and P7 Christmas party 1:30pm
Wednesday 18th	P4 and P5 Christmas party 1:30pm
Wednesday 18th	P7 Trip to National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh
Wednesday 18th	Nursery Christmas Parties
Thursday 19th	P1, P2 and P3 Christmas party 1:30pm
Friday 20th	Church Service 9:45am
Friday 20th	School closes at 1:15pm, Nursery closes at 3:30pm
JANUARY 2020	
Monday 6th	School and nursery start back
Week beginning 20th	P1 enrolments for children starting school in August 2020
Friday 31st	P3 Sharing Learning Afternoon 1:30pm

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Redwell Primary!

Kind regards,

Miss S MacLean
Acting Headteacher