



Calside News

24th November 2023

Festive Arrangements

A busy month ahead, with lots of festivities. Please see below an outline of all our arrangements. If you require any clarification, please contact the class teacher via their email or see the Wakelet for details.

Uniform

Children are welcome to wear their festive jumpers from **1st December**, but there is no need to if they do not wish to do so.



Food Bank

We will be running a collection for the local food bank during December, in order to help those who may be struggling at this time of year. If you can help with a donation, please send to the office. They are urgently needing toiletries such as toothpaste or shower gel, as well as items such as pasta, cereal or tins of fruit/soup etc. P4 will be taking the donations on **Monday 18th December** so please send any donations before this date.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

The Pupil Council are organising the Christmas Hamper raffle. They are seeking donations by **Monday 27th November**. They will then make hampers for the raffle, with the draw being made at the Christmas show. Entries to the draw are £1 each, and should be returned by **Monday 11th December**.

Christmas Post



P4 will be the merry mailmen for this year's Christmas post. The postbox will be in the foyer from **Monday 4th December**. Please make sure the child's name and class is on the envelope.

Carol singing

P3 and P4 will be visiting the local care homes during December: the class teachers will advise via Wakelet as to the dates. They will be singing carols and playing board games with the residents to spread some festive cheer. This will be during the school day.



Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will be on **Wednesday 13th December**: there is a special Christmas menu, usually a lot of Christmas music and dancing! Those children wanting peace and quiet have their lunch in the library.

Christmas Show



The concert will be held at the Baptist Church Centre. P1 & P2 present "The Twinkly Nativity" and P5 & P6 present "Neverland". The classes will be practising at the church before the shows, and the teachers will advise of arrangements for this via Wakelet

The dress rehearsal will be held on **Tuesday 12th December** at 1.30 p.m. with the whole school going to watch. All classes will be released from the church centre at the end of the school day: please make sure that anyone collecting a child is aware of this. Adults are invited to watch the dress rehearsal if they wish, but will require a ticket as we need to ensure audience numbers are within fire regulations. There is no charge for the dress rehearsal, but we will be collecting donations for a charity of the children's choosing.

The evening performance will be held on **Wednesday 13th December** at 5 p.m. Entry to this performance is by ticket only, as we must ensure audience numbers are within fire regulations. As per the letter sent out previously, each family is allocated 4 tickets and should have requested these by **Tuesday 28th November**. We will then try to accommodate additional ticket requests from 4th December.

Please Turn Over.....

Movie Afternoon

As a wee treat after all the performances, the Pupil Council are arranging Movie Afternoon on **Friday 15th December**. The Parent Council very generously support this afternoon with refreshments. Please do not send any further refreshments for this: they are not needed.

Nursery Nativity

This will be held on **Tuesday 19th December** in the afternoon: please see nursery newsletter for further information. P1 and P2 will have the chance to watch the dress rehearsal so that the nursery have a practice with an audience.



Parties

The school parties all take place during the last week of term (Nursery party will be on 13th December). Children should bring their party clothes with them, and they change into their party clothes before the party starts in the afternoon. Prizes and refreshments are provided by the Parent Council. It tends to be a very loud, exciting week!

Wednesday 20th December P1 and P2; **Thursday 21st December** P3 and P4; **Friday 22nd December** P5, P6 and P7.

Other activities



The **Parent Council "Christmas by the Fire"** is on **Friday 1st December** from 6.30- 8 p.m. Details for this event were sent out last week, and can also be seen on the website.

P7 are invited to attend the **Dumfries High School P7 Christmas Disco** on **Tuesday 12th December**. Details for this will be sent by Dumfries High shortly.

There will be an end-of-term assembly on **Thursday 21st December** and we will hold the Inter-House Quiz in the morning of **Friday 22nd December**.

End of Term

We close for the holidays on **Friday 22nd December** at 3.10 p.m. and the pupils return on **Tuesday 9th January**.

