



# Calside News

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

## 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 Class Sway for details.

## Uniform

Children are welcome to wear their festive jumpers from **1<sup>st</sup> 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 them 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. P5 will be taking the donations on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. They will then make hampers for the raffle, with the draw being made via each Class Sway. Entries to the draw are £1 each, and should be returned by **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. You should receive the letter in today's maildrop.

## Christmas Post



P6 will be the merry mailmen for this year's Christmas post. The postbox will be in the foyer from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. Please make sure the child's name and class is on the envelope. Cards will then be sent home in the maildrop each Friday.

## Carol singing

P5 and P6 will be visiting Charnwood on 11<sup>th</sup> December: 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 "Simply The Nativity" and P3 & P4 present "The Stars Come Out for Christmas". The classes will be practising at the church before the shows, and the teachers will advise of arrangements for this via Sway,

The dress rehearsal will be held on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** at 1.30 p.m. with the whole school going to watch. All classes will be released from the church 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 **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 3 tickets and should have requested these by **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. We will then try to accommodate additional ticket requests from 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Please Turn Over.....

## Cinema Trips

All classes will have their festive trip to the cinema, subsidised by the Parent Council:

Wednesday 11th December: P1 & P2 "The Snowman and The Snowdog"- drop your child off at the cinema at 9 a.m. Classes will walk back.

Wednesday 11th December: P3 & P4 "The Snowman and The Snowdog"- packed lunch required.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December: P5 and P6 "Paddington in Peru"- packed lunch required.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December: P7 "Paddington in Peru"- packed lunch required; collect your child from cinema at 3 p.m.

## Movie Afternoon

As a wee treat after all the performances, the Pupil Council are arranging Movie Afternoon on **Tuesday 17th 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 **Thursday 12th 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 parties all take place during the last week of term. 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! Dates are:

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December P1 and P2; Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December P3 and P4; Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December P5, P6 and P7; Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December Nursery.**

## Other activities



The **Parent Council Christmas Fair** is on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** from 1- 4 p.m. They are looking for extra help to run the Fair which raises valuable funds towards prizes and refreshments for parties/Movie afternoon etc. Please see the Parent Council letter for details.

**P7** are invited to attend the **Dumfries High School P7 Christmas Disco** on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. Details for this will be sent by Dumfries High shortly.

There will be an end-of-term assembly on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** and we will hold the Inter-House Quiz in the morning of **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**.

## End of Term

We close for the holidays on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** at 3.10 p.m. and the pupils return on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**.

