

LANGHOLM PRIMARY

DECEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER



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Dates for your Diary

<u>6th December</u>	Mr Sinclair to attend Assembly
<u>10th December</u>	Dental nurse to see P1 and P7 pupils
<u>12th December</u>	PTA Xmas Bingo 6.30 – 8.30pm
<u>13th December</u>	Pantomime for whole School Dick Whittington 1.30
<u>16th December</u>	Senior Xmas Concert in church 7pm.
<u>17th December</u>	Infant and P1 nativity P2 & P3 nativity (evening) 6.15 pm at the Academy
<u>18th December</u>	Infant and P1 nativity P2 & P3 nativity (afternoon) 1.50 pm at the Academy
<u>19th December</u>	P3/4/5 Xmas party 1.15
<u>20th December</u>	Church for P1-P7 All parents, families and friends welcome 9.20 am
<u>20th December</u>	P6 & 7 Xmas party 11am
<u>20th December</u>	P1& 2 Xmas party 1.15
<u>20th December</u>	School closed 3pm
<u>6th January</u>	School re-opens 9am
<u>23rd January</u>	Science workshops P4/5 P 5/6
<u>24th January</u>	Scottish afternoon
<u>29th January</u>	Lockerbie v Langholm
<u>30th January</u>	Scots Poetry competition P4 – P6
<u>31st January</u>	Burns Poetry competition P7
<u>5th February</u>	Climate change awareness training for staff
<u>6th February</u>	Carlisle Racecourse Maths in Action – P7
<u>12th February</u>	Langholm v Lochmaben
<u>17th, 18th 19th Feb</u>	Mid-term holiday
<u>7th – 21st April</u>	Easter holiday
<u>22nd April</u>	School re-opens
<u>5th May</u>	May Day holiday



Christmas at Langholm Primary

This term is one of our most hectic of the school year with preparations well underway for infant and senior productions.

We are delighted to thank parents who volunteered their talents and sewing skills to make wonderful new costumes for the children.

*Mrs Bell Ms Casey
Mrs Crossan-Brown Mrs Cartner
Ms Caldicott Mrs Baxter*

We would also like to thank the Edinburgh Woollen Mill and others who donated material and fabric.



Parents of nursery and infant children who do not require school costumes are kindly asked to send their costumes into school by the 13th December. All clothing etc should be clearly name labelled.

Infant Evening Nativity

On the 17th December we ask parents/carers of nursery and infant children to drop them off at the Academy by 5.45 pm.

Infant Afternoon Nativity

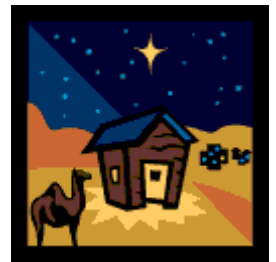
Please note that pupils should be collected directly from the Academy on the 18th December and not from the primary school.

Senior Christmas Concert

Parent/carers are requested to ensure that their children arrive at church no later than 6.45pm. Numbered programmes will be on sale for £1.00 each. A draw will be made at the end of the evening and the lucky winner will receive a luxury Xmas box!

Xmas Lights Art Competition

Congratulations to Molly Bell who was the overall winner and to Hughie Donaldson, Niamh Graham and Cerys Gough who were winners in their group. Many thanks to Frau Herbst-Gray who organised this worthwhile and enjoyable event.



Molluscum Contagiosum

We are aware that some children in school may have this condition. Small, raised and firm bumps appear on the skin and can become itchy, swollen or sore. They can be described as 'water-warts' or raised blisters. It is not serious and children should attend school as normal. However, if your child has this condition they should avoid sharing clothes and soft toys etc.

The condition usually goes away without treatment within 12 to 18 months.



PTA

The PTA will be holding a Xmas Bingo Family Night on the 12th December at 6.30 pm. It is a super night with drinks and biscuits included in the £2.50 cost for a book of tickets. The children really enjoyed it last year and it was good practice for their number recognition as well as their hand /eye co-ordination (and they loved being better than their parents!). There will also be a chance to win a raffle prize. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Golden Discos

The first round of our Golden Discos took place at the end of November. We have had very positive feedback from our children and parents. The children enjoyed the games and the exercise. It was also a chance for our nursery pupils to socialise with the infant classes in a safe and controlled environment. Many thanks to our teaching staff and to the PTA for making these afternoons so enjoyable. The total raised was in excess of £189.00!! We are very grateful for the continuing generosity of our parents.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Over 2,700 well known retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Ebay and Tesco will donate a small percentage of what you spend to your local school. All you have to do is register at the above website and select our school when asked to choose a cause. This is a great way to raise funds throughout the year.



Parents Night Survey

Staff reported a very positive parents night. Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete our survey which helps us to continue to offer a good, reflective and continually improving service. We realise that we will never be able to fully satisfy everyone but we are pleased with the results which are based on a return of 65 replies:

1. Do you feel welcome by staff in our school?

100% yes

2. Do you appreciate the new Interim Report?

100% yes

3. Did you involve your child in Parents Night?

70% yes 30% no

4. Would you prefer a less formal parents night?

81% no 16% yes 3% don't mind

5. Do you feel your child gets the right amount of homework?

90% yes 4% no

3% too much 3% too little

6. Do you feel positive about the new building?

75% yes 23.5% no 1.5% unsure

7. Do you feel your child is happy in school and making good progress?

97% yes 3% no

8. Would you consider becoming active on the PTA/Parent council?

70% no 30% yes

(yes votes includes those already active)

9. Do you think the joint headship will be a positive experience?

53% yes 36% no 11% unsure

10. Are you happy to continue to support the school in fundraising events?

98% yes 2% no

(overall yes vote for most events)

On behalf of all the staff at Langholm Primary I wish all our parents, carers, pupils and their families a very happy Xmas and a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year and we look forward to an exciting 2014 and welcoming Mr Sinclair to our school community.



