



# AUCHENCAIRN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## DIARY DATES

### DECEMBER

Wed 9th - Amy Niven  
Active Sports

Fri 11th - Christmas  
Jumper Day

Mon 14th P4-7 Feis Rois  
'Meet Your Musician'

Wed 16th - Christmas with  
Dickens—online 9.30am

Wed 16th - Christmas Lunch

Thurs 17th Christmas Parties

Fri 18th - School Closes

### JANUARY 2021

Wed 6th Jan-School re-opens

### FEBRUARY

Mid Term Holiday 2021

Monday 15th -19th February

School reopens 22nd Feb

### Christmas Cards

Pupils have asked if they can still send Christmas cards in school.

Yes they can!

Cards will be kept in the post box over the weekend and handed out on the Monday of each week until the end of term.

## DECEMBER 2020

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Dear Parents,

It has been a very different Term 2 without the usual busy Christmas play rehearsals. I can assure you that Christmas has not been forgotten and we will be very busy taking part in Christmas activities. Pupils and staff have all been working very hard in school and I'm sure everyone will be ready for a Christmas break in just a few weeks.

Thank you Mrs McDevitt

### Parent Council

Thank you for attending the online 'Parent Council AGM.' The Minutes have been circulated. New Office Bearers: were also elected

**Chair Person** - Poppy Baggott

**Secretary** - Joanna Wemyss

**Treasurer** - Henry Baggott

I would like to thank Lorna Fisher who has been the Parent Chair Person for the past three years and has been fantastic at leading the Parent Council with a wide variety of successful fundraising activities to support school.

### Christmas Hampers!!

We have two 'Christmas Hampers' on sale from Monday 7th December at a cost of £1 per ticket. The hampers will be displayed on the school Blog. The Children's Hamper has been very kindly donated by Mrs Violet Pryde and only children can buy tickets for this hamper. Please send an envelope with your £1s in and state which Hamper you would like to buy tickets for. This is our only school fundraising event this year, so all ticket sales from families, relatives and neighbours will be greatly appreciated.

## Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will be held in the afternoon of Thursday 17th December at separate times P1-3 from 1pm-2pm and P4-7 from 2pm-3pm. Pupils should come to school ready dressed in party clothes. Please make sure they are warm enough for playtimes and in class as the windows will still be open. We will not be having an evening Christmas Disco this year.

### Christmas Jumper Day

If possible, could pupils please wear Christmas Jumpers on the official Christmas Jumper Day Friday 11th December as well as our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 16th December.

.....If your child has outgrown last years jumper have a look in the local Charity Shops first before buying a new one or swap jumpers with another family.

### Online 'Christmas Dickens' Performance

This year we have arranged for children to see a live Christmas play online on Wednesday 16th December. Thank you to the Parent Council who have agreed to pay for this.

### Christmas Photographs Fundraiser from The Parent Council.

The Parent Council would like to have a fun Christmas Photograph with all the children in, wearing Christmas hats or Christmas head bands and Christmas tops/jumpers (if possible) as a very quick fundraiser before the end of term.

### MONDAY 7th DECEMBER

We have lots of new hats in school donated by Tesco's, but if you have a Christmas hat/head band please bring it to school on Monday along with a festive or party top or Christmas jumper Photos can be ordered and delivered before the end of term. The cost will be on the order form. A lovely wee gift for Aunties and Gran-nies!

### Printed Cotton Recycled Bags £3.00 each

There are 15 cotton bags available with 'pupil hand drawn portraits' printed on. If anyone would like to buy one please send in **£3 in a named envelope**. The pupil portraits on the bags are from our current P3-P7 pupils, but anyone is welcome to buy one on a first come, first serve basis.

### Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 16th December. Please can pupils wear a '**Christmas Jumper or festive top**' on that day. I am also very pleased to say almost all children are having a Christmas Lunch which is always served to the boys and girls by staff in the main hall.

A new "**Grab and Go**" school lunch menu will be sent home before the end of term, ready to start in January. Please have a look at the new menu with your child(ren). **All P1-3 pupils are entitled to a free hot lunch, please use this if you can especially in the cold winter weather.**

We are very fortunate that as a small school, we still have a super school cook 'Bev' and a full servery kitchen which is not the same for all small schools across Dumfries and Galloway.

## **British Sign Language Christmas Carol**

On Monday 14th December Mrs Graham is going to film P4-7 performing a Christmas Carol in Sign Language. It would be great if pupils could look Christmassy (is that a real word!) Christmas tops, jumpers, hats etc. that would be super! Please look out for the film which will be shared on the Partnership Blog.

### **Orienteering P4-7**

We have now finished orienteering in P4-7. It has been a super block of fun PE, well done everyone! For the last two weeks please can pupils wear an ordinary gym kit, still suitable for outside PE weather permitting.

Thank you.

### **PE Days**

**P1-3**      **Tuesday/Friday**

**P4-7**      **Tuesday/Friday**

On return to school in January, pupils should still come to school dressed for PE on planned days. We can have PE indoors now, but if the weather is dry, teachers will still aim to go outside for PE.

### **Open Windows in Winter**

All working spaces must have open windows for ventilation.

Although we have plenty of heating in school, the classrooms can be cooler. Please ask your child(ren) if they are warm enough through the day and if necessary add an extra layer; jumper, fleece, long sleeved top if needed. It does not have to be school uniform, it is more important to be warm!

### **Spare Shoes**

Currently there is a lot of mud coming into school from children's shoes at playtimes. Please can you send in a spare pair of shoes; slippers, trainers, gym shoes which pupils can change into after each break thank you.

### **Poppy Sales**

Across the Auchencairn and Borgue Partnership a total of £56.36 was raised through the selling of Poppies.

Thank you very much.

# Auchencairn and Borgue Primary Partnership BLOG page

## Welcome to our Partnership Blog

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/auchencairnandborgueprimaryschools/>

### Edina Trust Grant

Well done to Ms McCall, who successfully applied for £350 grant funding for Science.

We have purchased several Science items to support both classroom and outdoor learning;

- A Nature Observation Station with binoculars (installed in the outside classroom)
- Large sheet magnifier frames
- Pooter bug collectors, insect viewer pots and small pond nets
- A 'Pumping Heart' model and stethoscope for learning about how the heart works.
- A 'friction ramp' for testing surfaces
- Metal testing strips (magnetism)
- Technology Pack (wooden dowels/wheels) to make vehicles.
- Moving Toys Design and Technology Class Kit
- Magnetic Polydron
- The Recycling Board Game

I am sure everyone will enjoy the new resources!