



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term two. As ever, we are up and running very quickly in school, with plans for Christmas and beyond. Watch out for the community events too, such as the Auchencairn Carol Service where all are welcome and the children will have the chance to sing a song as our contribution to the service. Thank you to all those from our school community and beyond who are helping us to run such a busy calendar and see you all at one of our events soon

Mrs Jarvis

Uniform:

Just a reminder that all children should have a **named** school sweatshirt or cardigan, dark uniform trousers and a yellow polo shirt. There are a few school tops available in school for a donation but new uniform can be purchased online from <https://www.brigade.uk.com/> Children should also bring a pair of both indoor (ideally black) and outdoor shoes for school – **this does not include slippers or crocs. No make-up or false nails please, also no earrings other than studs for safety reasons.**

Christmas decoration workshops:

Working alongside Esme and Karen from Auchencairn Community Shop, we are having two workshops during school time where the children will be making Christmas decorations to sell in the shop.

Parent Council:

The next Parent Council meeting is on the 4th November at 3pm in the school hall. All are welcome. It is a great chance to hear what is going on and to get involved.

Donations:

We would be extremely grateful for any donations towards our Christmas raffle, which will be drawn at the end of the Christmas show on 16th December. We are also looking for any art supplies that could be used for our Christmas decoration making.

Pink Day:

As last year's Pink Day fundraiser was so successful we have decided to organise another one. This will take place on Friday 22nd November when we will be raising money for The Dumfries and Galloway Health Board Endowment Fund who help enhance patient care within both the hospital and community environment. Children will be asked to bring in a small monetary donation on the day. Any amount will help. Look out for the flyer sent via email.

Bikeability:

The P6 and P7 pupils will be doing their Bikeability Level 2 training on Friday 8th November. This will be all day. Bikes will be checked on Wednesday 6th November and may be left at school in the intervening time, at the owner's risk.

Bike Bus:

All children P3 upwards are welcome to bring their bikes to school on Friday 8th November for Bike Bus practice. The Bike Bus is a local initiative (ACT) to encourage children to ride to school in a safe and controlled group. The Bike Bus will take place on the last Friday of each month from November onwards. Look out for the leaflet which will be sent home. This is not a school run activity.



UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday 31st October – School Halloween Party

Monday 4th November – Parent Council Meeting

Monday 16th December – School Christmas Carol Show – Village Hall

Thursday 19th December – Partnership Christmas Party

LOOKING AHEAD:

Friday 7th February – School photos

Friday 28th March 2-3pm – Bike maintenance workshop (adults and children)

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Saturday 9th November – Quiz night at Murray Hall – 7:00pm

Friday 22nd November – Clothes swap party at Murray Hall – 6:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday 8th December – Christmas Carol Service @ Auchencairn Church. Time: 6pm - All welcome.

