



Jingle bells, jingle bells....

...and before our very eyes who can believe we are at that very sparkly, festive time of year again!

I'm delighted that one of our pupils, Anjali, had the honour of switching on the Christmas lights for Dumfries town. I hope some of you managed to brave the rain for the event.

As you can imagine, there are many things happening in school this month and I hope this newsletter informs you well of the forthcoming events.

As always please don't hesitate in contacting the school if you require any further information.

On behalf of all the staff at Noblehill we would like to wish you all a very jolly and festive Christmas and all the very, very best for 2019.

Kathryn A Fraser



Parent Council

CHRISTMAS MARKET

A huge thank you to all who supported us at our Christmas Market. Thank you to everyone who sent in donations of filled jars, raffle prizes and were able to give of their time etc. Thank you also to those of you who were able to join us on the night.

Thank you to Rory at Scottish Christmas Tree, Glaisters Farm Ltd. Kirkgunzeon for the very generous donation of the 6 ft Christmas Tree, and also thanks to Green - Scapes for the collection and delivery of the tree. Amazingly we raised £471.49. Well done ...

Parent Support

We rely heavily on our Parent Council

throughout the year. They give generously of their time

attending every meeting and organising our social events. The Parent Council would really appreciate your support; if you can ever give even half an hour on an occasion then it would release another helper to enjoy at least part of the event. Please help us in offering your support if you can - thank you.

Mark Jackson

Parent Council Chairperson



Anjali's winning design lights up the town centre!



Class Assembly

Primary 6 are busy preparing for their class assembly on Friday 7 December. We would like to invite their parents, friends or family that are able to join us (max 2 people) at 8.45am to enjoy a light refreshment prior to the assembly.



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Group Call



From time to time we send out a group call message. As we are limited to how many characters we can use please don't be offended if on occasion it may sound a little abrupt!

Primary P7 have been exceptionally busy! National Book Week

During Scottish National Book Week P7 visited the Robert Burns Centre to meet with author Matthew Fitt. Matthew translates well known books into Scots language and we enjoyed listening to extracts from Roald Dahl's *The Twits* and *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* by J.K Rowling.

"I liked guessing the titles of books in different languages" – Rosie

"I liked when Skye dressed as Harry Potter and was playing Quidditch with a broomstick" – Tomasz

Health and Wellbeing Day – Dumfries High Cluster Working

On 26th November P7 visited Dumfries High School for a Health and Well-being day. Highlights for us were making chicken fajitas in the Home Economics department, working with senior students on tasks related to Mental Health and playing sports games in the afternoon. It was great to see what a "day in High School was like" and also mix with P7's from Heathall and Calside.

Business Enterprise

P7A have enjoyed making décor jars as part of an 'upcycling' project during #Nobelskillz. This involved creative work, advertising and also a business meeting with Mrs Fraser. Thank you to all who donated jars. We sold jars at the Christmas Market and proceeds are going towards the school ECO group. There are a few unique jars still available from P7A for an excellent price of £2.50. Hurry stocks won't last!



Coming up....

Pupil Profile visit to Calside - to work with P7 pupils to set up a 'Blog' profile as a way in which our pupils can reflect on their learning experiences and assist in their transition.

Christmas Unwrapped- 13th December at the Baptist Church.

Sportshall Athletics

On Friday 23rd November a team of P6 and P7 pupils attended the Sportshall Athletics qualifying event at the Loreburn Hall.



The children were a credit to the school and we heard this week that alongside Georgetown they have made it through to the Regional Final Event taking place in Dumfries in January. Huge congratulations to the children and thank you to the parents who accompanied and supported them on the day.

Easy Fundraising Account

Remember to go through Easy Fundraiser if you are ordering online! Go onto [easyfundraiser](http://easyfundraiser.com), Noblehill Primary Parent Council - Dumfries and then all orders you make through participating companies will raise funds for the school. Win, win for everyone!



Read Write Count

Read, Write, Count is a Scottish Government campaign which aims to increase the literacy and numeracy skills of children in primaries 1,2 and 3. Through the campaign, our P1 to P3 children have received a bag with books, literacy and numeracy learning materials. The campaign is being delivered by a partnership between Scottish Government, Education Scotland and Scottish



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Book Trust. We hope that you are able to take time to enjoy this fabulous gift with your child.



Primary one pupils were kindly invited up to Georgetown library to receive their books.

Christmas Rotary Party

Some of our pupils have been kindly invited to the annual Christmas party organised by the Dumfries Rotary Club on Tuesday 4 December. We hope they all have a wonderful time, dancing, eating and having fun!

School Photographs

All photograph orders have to be in by Friday 7 December to ensure delivery prior to Christmas.

Children In Need

The Pupil Council diligently sold the Children In Need merchandise, going round the classes every morning and quickly selling out. Thank you to everyone who supported us by enjoying a dress down day for a donation. The Talent Show certainly entertained everyone as the various talents got everyone talking - well done performers!



We raised a fantastic

£252.57

as well as selling all the merchandise.

Partnership, collaboration and self-improvement

**Working Group
COMMUNICATION.**

How are we doing now?

How do we know?

What are we going to do now?

Last session we had a very hard working and effective working group. The focus was in all aspects of home/ school communication. We would now like to take the time to review the changes we have implemented. We would like to welcome more parents to be involved in a short term review group. If you are available during the school day and would like to be part of the group please contact the school office. Thank you in anticipation.

ECO GROUP CHRISTMAS REMINDER



With Christmas

approaching, here are a few reminders of how to be eco-friendly over the festive season:

- Recycle Christmas wrapping paper, cards and envelopes – there are many local organisations setting up recycling points for this.
- Plant your real Christmas tree or recycle it wisely
- Compost veg peelings and other suitable items
- Plan ahead for food shopping to avoid waste – look at Use By Dates
- Donate old clothes/toys to charity
- Be economical with lights and heating
- Feed the birds with suitable scraps

REDUCE – RE-USE – RECYCLE!

An appeal on behalf of our feathered friends: we would welcome any donations of bird seed (NO NUTS PLEASE) to replenish our stock.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND HAVE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS!



Dates for the diary

5th December PC Trosh P1

7th December P1 Medicals

7th December P6 Class Assembly

7th December P7A/B Pupil Profiles Calside PS

11th December P4 and P4/3 Cocoabeen Excursion

11th December P7 High School Christmas Party 5.30 - 7.00pm

13th December Nursery Transition Information 3.30 - 4.15pm

13th December Christmas Unwrapped P7A/B

14th December P1A, P1B & P2 Party

17th December Dress Rehearsal 9.00am - 12 noon

18th December P3/2, P4/3 & P4 Party

19th December Nursery Party

19th December P5, P6/5 & P6 Party

20th December P7A & P7B Party

20th December Christmas Concert 6.00pm

21st December Christmas Concert 12.30pm

Christmas Holiday Dates

Saturday 22 December – starting back on Monday 7 January



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas Parties.

All pupils should come to school dressed in their party clothes on the day of their party.

P1A, P1B & P2 Party
Friday 14th 11.00am - 12 noon

P3/2, P4/3 & P4 Party
Tuesday 18th 1.45 - 2.45pm

Nursery Party
Wednesday 19th 10.00 - 11.00am

P5, P6/5 & P6 Party
Wednesday 19th 1.45 - 2.45pm

P7A & P7B Party
Thursday 20th 1.45 - 2.45pm

Christmas Concerts

It is an expectation that all pupils will participate in both concerts to allow everyone the opportunity to see their child/ren perform with their whole class, stage and whole school.

Please note Nursery children can opt in to the evening performance.

The first performance is on Thursday 20th 6.30 - 8.30pm. Pupils should arrive at 6.00pm at which time the Parent Council are providing a festive refreshment for our welcomed audience. Doors for the performance will open at 6.25pm.

The second performance takes place on Friday 21st 1.00 - 3.00pm. The Parent Council are again providing refreshments at 12.30pm. Doors for the performance will open at 12.55pm.

Pupil Drop Off and Collection Arrangements

Thursday 20th December

- Pupils should be dropped off at the main building at the Baptist Church at 6.00pm.
- Pupils must be collected from the Sports Hall at 8.30pm.

Friday 21st December

- All pupils will walk to the Baptist Church together from school.
- Pupils should be collected from the Sports Hall at 3.00pm. If you are unable to collect your child from the Baptist Church, they will be accompanied back to the school, and ready for collection at 3.30pm approx. Please indicate on the attached slip if your child is returning to school.

Lunch Arrangements on 21st December

All pupils will have the option of a school packed lunch or a home packed lunch, a menu card will be sent out in the very near future. There will be no hot meals served on the last day of term.

What to wear

All pupils from P2 - P7 should wear a festive jumper and hat/tinsel to get everyone in to the festive spirit. Nursery and pupils in P1 have been previously notified.

Dress Rehearsal

Monday 17 December

All pupils will walk to the Baptist Church Centre at 9.00am for a dress rehearsal allowing the pupils time to know the routine, environment and the order of the



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performance. Please note P2 - 7 pupils do not need to change for the dress rehearsal. We will return in time for lunch so no special arrangements are required. Parent helpers are required to accompany the classes to and from the Baptist Church Centre. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are available.

Tickets

Please complete the attached slip for tickets for 'The Spirit of Christmas' concert. Tickets will be limited to two per family in the first instance. A second opportunity will be given to purchase extra once every family has had the opportunity to buy their tickets. All tickets are £2. Money should be enclosed with the order.



Spirit of Christmas Tickets

I would like _____ (max 2) ticket(s) for the Spirit of Christmas on

Thursday 20th December at 6.30pm

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Thursday 21st December at 1.00pm

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If there are any extra tickets, I would like _____ for the _____ performance.

I enclose £ _____ for the above tickets (£2 each).

Signed _____

Child/ren's Name/s _____ Class/es _____

Please tick if your child is being collected from **school** on Friday 21st December at approx. 3.30pm following the concert.

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER.