



December 2022 Newsletter



Health Promoting School

A reminder that as a Health Promoting School we encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Please do not send children to school with juice in their class water bottle or fizzy juice for break/lunch times. Some children have also had energy drinks in school – again please do not send these with your child. They will be removed and given back to the child at the end of the day. Please also consider the snacks that you are providing. Children can now all access a piece of fruit daily in school so they do not require crisps and sweets for snacks.

November Review

During November we had the welcome return of our parent/carers appointments. These were very well attended and a great opportunity to share the progress that has been made. Thank you to Ms Cathie from St Joseph's for attending this and also to our wonderful cook Stephanie who provided taster meals during this too. Mrs McGahon also started with us as our Depute Head Teacher and many of you had the chance to meet with her during the parent/carers event.

Book Week Scotland

Our Primary 1-3 were gifted with a bag of books during November as well as some other fun activities. We hope you have enjoyed sharing these with your child. The children had a lovely afternoon in school sharing these as well as enjoying cookies and milk.

Catholic Education Week

During Catholic Education Week we celebrated the importance of our Catholic Education. This concluded with Education Sunday Mass which was attended by many of our Mount Carmel pupils. It was a beautiful celebration. Special thanks to our pupils that supported this and represented our school so well.

Parent Council

During November we had our first return to face to face meetings. It was lovely to meet with our parents for this. Our next session will take place on the 17th January at 7pm and will again be in the school.

Pantomime

On Wednesday 30th November we as a school attended the pantomime 'Snow White'. It was a superb show with fantastic songs for the children to take part in. Everyone had a really enjoyable time. Thank you for the donations we have had for this so far, these totalled £1800, the cost of the pantomime including buses is over £2,500. As tickets are booked in advance for the pantomime we are still charged for children that did not attend the pantomime. This is still available on ParentPay if you still wish to make a contribution.

Christmas Fayre

We are all very excited about our Christmas Fayre organised by Friends of Mount Carmel. Our choir led by the wonderful Ms Donnelly will open the festivities for us. There will be a range of stalls available including hopefully our own class calendars. These will hopefully be available to order for £2 each. The children have been putting their creative skills to good use making a range of Christmas gifts available on the evening. Tea and coffee as well as home baking will be available in the small hall. Please enter via the Primary 5 and 6 door and not via the main foyer, this will be for stall holders only. Doors will open at 6:15pm with choir starting at 6:30pm.

Advent

Our children have been taking part in different activities to mark the start of Advent. This will continue with the whole school attending an Advent Mass on Thursday 8th December.

Christmas Lunch

We will have our Christmas Lunch on Thursday 8th December. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper for this with the rest of their school uniform.

Nativity Performance

We are delighted to be able to share with you our Nativity show 'Little Angel gets her Wings'. As you know performances will take place on Wednesday 14th December at 2pm – doors open at 1:40pm and Thursday 15th at 5:30pm – doors open at 5:10pm. Tickets have been limited to two per family due to capacity within the hall. Primary 1-3 will share the show and Primary 4-7 will share a Christmas song each. Our show will not be filmed. Visitors are reminded not to take photographs or film the performance. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Christmas Movie and Pyjama Day

On Monday 19th December children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas for a fun Christmas Movie and Pyjama day.

Christmas Parties

We are delighted to organise our Christmas Parties for the final week of term. Children should come to school dressed in their own clothes or party clothes if they wish. In the morning the children will take part in some fun Christmas activities and then have their party in the afternoon with special party food provided by our kitchen team.

Dates for parties:

Tuesday 20th December – Primary 1-3

Wednesday 21st December – Primary 4 and 5

Thursday 22nd December – Primary 6 and 7

End of Term

On Friday 23rd December we will come together for Mass in the Church as part of final preparations. Children should be in school uniform for this. School will close at 2:30pm.

School App and School blog

All of our school information is available via the school app and blog. Please follow the links for these items:

[School Blog](#)

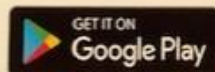
Please use the QR code to download our school app for the most recent information as well as calendar and lunch details.

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As we now enter this Advent season we continue to thank you for all that you do to support our children and our school community. When the time comes I wish you all a restful Christmas time.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fergusson

Head Teacher