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Christmas Pantomime -

The whole school are going to see *Snow White* at Cumbernauld Theatre in December. Pupils will not return from the matinee performances until approximately 3.45pm. P1-3 will attend on Friday 9th December and P4-7 will be going Tuesday 20th December. Further details will be sent out nearer the time as we will be looking for volunteers to come along. Special thanks to our Parent Fundraising Group for their contribution to the cost of the trip allowing us to keep the price at £10.00.

Christmas Parties have been arranged as follows:

P2 20th December	P4 15th December
P1 19th December	P5 16th December
P3 15th December	P6 16th December

Primary 7 Christmas Dance

This will take place on **Thursday 15th December**, from 7pm until 9.15pm. John Carmichael will provide Scottish Country Dance music for the pupils. Further details to follow.

Christmas Service

All parents and friends are invited to join us at Bearsden Cross Parish Church at 9.30am on Wednesday 21st Dec for our Christmas Service.



Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch is on Friday 16th December at a cost of £2.20. There is a choice of turkey and all the trimmings or a vegetarian option of tomato pasta.

Bearsden Primary School Newsletter



Uniform

The wearing of our Bearsden PS school uniform is a critical aspect of our positive school ethos. However, we have noticed a drop in standards over the past days and weeks.

All classes have been issued with a reminder regarding our high expectations and I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce this message for parents. Your support is absolutely crucial to ensuring high standards.

Jeans and trainers are not acceptable for school.

If there are pupils regularly not adhering to our dress code, parents will be contacted directly to highlight our concerns.

P7 are particularly important as the practice of wearing shirts and ties in preparation for secondary school and Bearsden Academy standards, also helps set a positive example to other pupils. Our P7s have been reminded of their responsibilities as role models for our younger pupils.

Staffing—I would like to extend my congratulations to Mrs Aileen Wilson on her appointment as Acting DHT. Mrs Wilson will job share with Ms Thomson. Our leadership team will also have a new DHT appointed this week and I will share this information as soon as it becomes available.

The Head Teacher advert closes this week with a view to appointing an HT before I leave my post. I have agreed to work beyond my required notice period in order to make the transition as smooth as possible. My last day at Bearsden PS will be Friday 2nd December. Thank you for your continued support.

ECO News:

Rag Bag

The next **Rag Bag Recycling** collection will take place on Thursday 16th November. Bags have been issued and should be returned to the school on the day and not before as we have no space to store them. Thank you.



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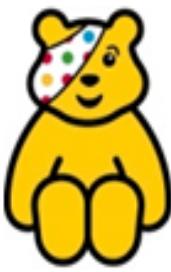


Inclement Weather

Winter may be on its way but children in Bearsden Primary School will still be encouraged to play outside at intervals and lunch times whenever possible. To cater for our changeable climate, it would be helpful if children came to school appropriately dressed for the weather. Our pupils look very smart in their blazers but a second waterproof jacket is essential and even if not worn, can be kept in a child's school bag. If the weather is extremely inclement, children will remain indoors.

Fundraising Group News

Thank you to everyone who attended the Halloween Disco. We raised a whopping £1250. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th November and all parents are welcome to attend. With the busy Christmas period coming up, volunteers are always needed. The considerable funds raised by Fundraising Group events provided valuable support to provide your children with the best possible learning environment.



Children in Need Friday 18th November 2016

We will be taking part in this year's SPOTACULAR fundraising event! There are rumours of a Pudsey visit and we will be having a Spotty Themed Non Uniform Day. There will be lots of fun activities for pupils to take part in to raise funds for Children in Need. More details to follow.

Pupils in our Anti-Bullying Club have decided to mark Anti-Bullying Week 2016 by selling special anti-bullying wrist bands. Pupils in the club will lead this fundraising initiative and all profits from the sale of the £1 wristbands will go to a children's anti-bullying charity of their choice. We are very proud of the pupils in the club and impressed with the initiative they have shown.

After the success of last year's initiative, we will again be taking part in the **Shoe Box Appeal**. Mrs Wilson, Acting DHT, will be sending home more information in the coming weeks on how you can get involved.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 3rd November	P5A trip to Science Centre
Wednesday 16th November	Rag Bag Collection
Thursday 17th November	P4's at Glasgow Film Theatre
Friday 18th November	Children in Need—Non Uniform Day
Friday 25th November	P6 Room 13 trip to Sky Skills Studio
Wednesday 30th November	P6B Room 20 trip to Sky Skills Studio



Julie Vance Photographs

All orders for photographs need to be in school by 3rd November.

Parent Council News

Jacqui MacDonald, Chief Education Officer, recently met with our PC to discuss the recruitment of a new Head Teacher. It is hoped that a new HT will be appointed prior to Mr Meehan leaving his post. The next meeting of the Parent Council is Thursday 10th November at 7pm. All parents are welcome to attend Parent Council Meetings.

Sports News—Well done to everyone

who attended the Autumn Dual Slalom Series Finals at Bearsden Ski Club last week. The children were fabulous and raced their socks off! Both teams won most of their races but unfortunately not enough to gain a place on the podium.

All pupils who took part in both the BPS Trials and Dual Slalom Event had a fantastic time and displayed outstanding sportsmanship and a positive attitude. Well done!



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