

## Holidays & In-service Days

Christmas: Wed 23 December to Tues 5 January 2016  
February break: Mon 15 & Tue 16 February 2016  
Good Friday & Easter Monday: Fri 25 & Mon 28 March  
Easter: Mon 4 April to Fri 15 April 2016  
May Weekend (1): Mon 2 May 2016  
May Weekend (2): Fri. 27 & Mon 30 May 2016  
Summer Holiday: School closes Fri 24 June 2016

In-service Days: Fri 12 February 2016 and Tue 31 May 2016

Please note that the school and nursery will close at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Please note there will be no afterschool wraparound service for nursery pupils and all parents should make arrangements to collect their children early.

Please remember if you have any concerns, queries or compliments please do not hesitate in contacting me at the school or come along to one of our management team drop ins: 9 – 9.30 a.m. every Friday.



Finally on behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

*Pauline Ferguson*

Pauline Ferguson (Head Teacher)



# Newsletter



# December 2015

## Dear Parents/Carers

As always December is a very busy month with lots of exciting events and activities for all our pupils. A huge thank you to the Parent Council for their fund raising support which finances many of these.



**Gymnastics Club** Miss Caughey and Mrs Taylor have had great fun with the P2 and P3s. We have been strengthening and stretching our muscles, working on balances, using basic apparatus and even doing the splits!

**Netball club** have really enjoyed their sessions with Miss Reid this term and competed in a Cluster tournament on 7<sup>th</sup> December. All girls played extremely well and the Giffnock team was the winner! Well done girls!



Date	Event
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Primary 7 Christmas lunch at Boaters
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Primary 6 Christmas party (PM)
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Hopscotch Theatre comes to Giffnock
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Primary 7 Cluster Ceilidh at WFH (PM)
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Primary 4 Christmas party (PM)
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Primary 5 Christmas party (PM)
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Nursery Christmas party (AM & PM)
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Primary 1 Christmas party (PM)
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Primary 2 Christmas party (PM)
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Primary 3 Christmas party (PM)
December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Giffnock Christmas Service @ 1.30 p.m. All welcome at Orchardhill Parish Church.

**Staffing** We wish a fond farewell to Miss Caughey as she leaves us to start a new chapter in her life..... We welcome Mrs Downie who will be taking over in P5b. Mrs Morley our office manager has the opportunity to take up an appointment as Senior Administration Officer until June 2016. Although she will be greatly missed we wish her every success.

**Giffnock School Choir** Mrs Brown and Miss Bruce accompanied the choir at their recent performance in Williamwood High School as part of East Renfrewshire Council's Primary Prom. We were entertained by a host of singers and musicians – a thoroughly enjoyable night. Well done to everyone who contributed.

**Christmas Performance** Well done to all the 'stars who came out for Christmas'.



**Christmas Fair** Although it was a wild, wet and windy Saturday there was a great turnout. Thank you to the Parent Council and volunteers who helped organise and run the event. Thank you also to all who supported by donating – the 'Red Stall' looked amazing!

### Weather

On very wet days, as experienced recently, pupils will be allowed in through the front 'ramp access' which will be open from 8.45am. Pupils should make their way to the brown hall, where available staff will supervise, until the official start of the school day @ 8.55am. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### Registration

The date for school registration is week beginning Monday 11 January until Friday 15 January 2016 any afternoon between 1.45 and 3.30pm. More details will be displayed in the local press.

**Road safety** Sean P7 and Cameron P4 came first in their respective categories in the ERC annual calendar competition. Their art work will feature in the 2016 calendar. They recently attended a prize giving ceremony in the council chambers. Evie P7 and Molly P3 received a highly commendable certificate for their entries. Well done to all

**Malawi** Mrs Stead sent us lots of messages when visiting the children there. The money we gave her was used to help in the Nursery school and buy some things for the children. She sent us a video of the children playing with the parachute and blowing bubbles for the first time.



**Article 28.** Every child has the right to an education.

**Article 31.** Every child Has the right to play