



Thornliebank Primary School and Nursery Class



December 2022 Newsletter

End of Term Updates

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Here is a short newsletter with some important information as this term comes to a close.



Gaelic Medium Primary Education Provision

Following the consultation on Gaelic Medium Education Provision being located at Thornliebank, elected members met last week and voted in favour of this proposal. This means that from August 2023, a new provision offering education in the Gaelic language will be situated here. I am meeting with the Education Department early in the new year to begin to make plans for this, and I will keep you all informed as I have more information. This is an exciting time for Thornliebank, and we will embrace the added diversity that this will bring to our community.



Last Day of Term

The school and nursery both close at 2:30 on Friday 23rd December. Children can wear non-uniform this day, including Christmas jumpers or festive items if they like. We re-open on Thursday 5th January 2023.

Lunch- There will only be soup and sandwiches available on the last day of term.

Food Pantry/ Supermarket Vouchers

Bell & Bain, a local printing business, has kindly donated supermarket vouchers for any families who needs them. We currently have vouchers for Farmfoods, which is extremely handy and easy to access on the Main Street. If your circumstances mean that you would like some Farmfoods vouchers to help with shopping over the festive period, please get in touch and we can pop them in an envelope for you. This is, of course, completely confidential and there to help our community.

We also have our food pantry, and if you require anything (food, or other consumables like washing tablets or toiletries) just get in touch.

Christmas Parties – Reminder of Dates

Christmas parties will take place in the final week of term (dates below.) Children can come to school all day in their own clothes/ party clothes. Snacks and a drink will be provided for all children, and a special festive guest will make an appearance to the nursery- P3 parties. Ho ho ho! Parents are invited to come along at **2:30** to the **nursery- P3** parties if you wish, to see your child receive their gift from Santa. Times are below:

- P1 and nursery party- Wednesday 21st December 2pm (Santa and parents invited at 2:30)
- P2 and P3 party- Tuesday 20th December 2pm (Santa and parents invited at 2:30)
- P4- Tuesday 20th in the morning
- P5- Thursday 22nd in the afternoon
- P6- Monday 19th in the afternoon
- P7 – ceilidh at Woodfarm on 16th (afternoon)

Christmas Presents

At this time of year, we know that families sometimes like to express their thanks to teachers and staff members. Please remember that we appreciate a card or a letter with kind words more than

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anything so please do not feel that you should buy any gifts. Christmas is expensive enough as it is, especially at the moment! As a staff, we have decided that instead of buying gifts for each other as a 'Secret Santa' we are donating gifts to a Tree of Kindness Appeal or our food pantry.

As always, Santa has left some extra presents with me this year. Please get in touch if your circumstances mean that you would like a present for your child/ren and all requests will be completely confidential.

If we can help you or your family with anything else over the festive break, please let us know.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 16 th December	Cluster P7 ceilidh at Woodfarm High
Tuesday 20 th December and Thursday 22 nd December	Family Day at Nursery
w/b 19 th December	Class Parties P1 and nursery- Wednesday 21 st December 2pm (Santa and parents invited at 2:30) P2 and P3- Tuesday 20 th December 2pm (Santa and parents invited at 2:30) P4- Tuesday 20 th in the morning P5- Thursday 22 nd in the afternoon P6- Monday 19 th in the afternoon P7- Cluster Ceilidh 16 th
Friday 23 rd December	Last day of term – non uniform/ Christmas jumpers
Thursday 5 th January	Back to school! Flu vaccinations for those who were absent last Friday
w/b Monday 9 th January	Thornliebank Anti-Bullying Week

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Kind regards,

