



# BELL BAXTER HIGH SCHOOL

## Weekly Update

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### WHOLE SCHOOL MESSAGES



#### Christmas Assemblies

Our end of term Christmas Assemblies will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Period 1: S1/S3/S6    Period 2: S2/S4/S5

We wish everyone a wonderful festive season!

School will resume on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.



#### Last Day of term Activities - Period 3 & Period 4 QUIZ-MAS!

On the last day of term there will be a whole school Quizmas! There will be prizes, so get your team organised quickly - prize for best team name!

**S1-3** - Quiz will take place in the Assembly Hall - Mixed year group teams are preferred and pupils can arrange their own teams. Max of 6 pupils and each team should have a secret weapon .....their 7<sup>th</sup> member should be either a member of staff or a Prefect!

**S4-6** - Will be in the dining area, mixed year groups are preferred and a max of 6 per team.

#### Last Day of term Activities Period 5 & Period 6

All staff and pupils are invited to Christmas ceilidh in the Assembly Hall.

#### Cupar Foodbank Donations

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December will be a non-uniform day (Christmas theme) with young people encouraged to bring a donation for the Cupar Foodbank. There will be a collection at the main entrance as we attempt to beat last year's total of 1358 items.

#### Cupar Schools' Burns Competition

Any pupil wishing to enter the Cupar Schools' Burns Competition on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 should see Mr McNicol in Room 402 before the end of term. Four categories are available to compete in. These are recitation, singing, instrumental and bagpiping. Further details will be provided to those interested in competing.



# TIME FOR EQUALITY

Equalities Group is relaunching after the Christmas break. Everyone is welcome to come and join us to see what is involved in the Equalities group on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 12.25 in Room 211 for an Equali-teas and Cake.**



## *Festive Fire Safety*

Many of the things we enjoy over the Christmas period, such as the fairy lights, trees and decorations, can all be fire hazards when proper care is not taken. Here are some timely tips for a safe and merry Christmas:

- Make sure Christmas decorations do not obstruct fire exits, signs, fire doors or fire safety systems including smoke detectors and call points.
- Keep escape routes clear of decorations, displays of presents or combustible items where they could restrict escape or support the spread of flames.
- Do not use candles or any type of naked flame as decorations.
- Use LED Christmas lights – they are low voltage and give off little heat.
- Use artificial flame retardant trees, natural trees are flammable. If you have a natural tree then ensure it is watered daily. Dried out trees are highly flammable and should be removed.
- Check lights, cables and other electrical equipment are CE marked. Any equipment with frayed wires, broken or cracked plugs, kinks and/or bare wires should be thrown away.
- Make sure Christmas tree lights, other decorations and electrical gadgets such as chargers are switched off and unplugged at night.
- Decorations can easily burn – do not attach them to lights or heaters.
- Do not overload or 'piggy back' extension leads. Always use fused extensions long enough for the task.
- Do not exceed recommended occupancy limits for your premises.
- Secure bins/skips at a safe distance from buildings.
- Lock away combustible loose playground equipment; tyres, logs, planks, plastic toys etc.



**Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas**

For further information see [FISH](#) or the [Scottish Fire and Rescue Service website](#)



## Chemistry Challenge

Do you want to help the Chemistry Department win @compoundchem popular #IUP2019 artwork? We are looking for pupils to submit mini videos saying as many elements from the periodic table as they can in two minutes or less. For more information speak to a Chemistry Teacher or visit [https://twitter.com/hashtag/IYPTChallenge?src=hashtag\\_click](https://twitter.com/hashtag/IYPTChallenge?src=hashtag_click)

### CLUBS, EVENTS AND REHEARSALS

## S2/S3 Netball

S2 netball players who ordered skorts and hoodies can collect these from Miss Rollo in the PE Base. S3 netball players, first League Match is on Thursday 16th January against Balwearie HS. Please note this is an Away match.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

The P.E. Department's Extra-Curricular clubs will not be open at lunch times on the last week of term. I would like to thank staff and senior sports leaders for their time and providing so many opportunities for the young people of Bell Baxter. Clubs will restart on Monday 13th of January to allow us to get organised supervision in place after Christmas. (Mr D Baillie)

### S4 - S6 MESSAGES

## EMA

Any pupil who has recently received a learning agreement which is unsigned, should meet with Ms Manders on Wednesday 18th December at 9.00 am in her office. Forms should be handed into the Office prior to this date.



## Christmas Dance

The Christmas Dance is always an extremely popular event in the school calendar. This is a formal event with a live band and, as such, we ask young people to come suitably dressed for the occasion, e.g. no jeans/denim, trainers or casual sportswear. More information is in the poster, including dates and times for ticket sales.





# COME ALONG FOR A BITE TO EAT OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AT CAFE INC.



All are welcome but we recommend children under 10 are accompanied by an adult.

Cafe Inc. is a free lunch club open to children, young people and families in Fife. Lunch is available on the dates listed below. A family lunchbox will also be available to take away on both weeks. No need to book or register, just drop in and enjoy some good food and family-time.



Cafe Inc. will be available between 11.45am - 1.00pm  
at the following halls and centres.

Castlehill Community Centre (30th & 31st Dec)  
Gregory Hall (23rd, 24th, 30th & 31st Dec)  
St Monans Town Hall (23rd & 24th Dec)



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