



<b><u>2021 Autumn &amp; Winter Term</u></b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December*	Coaltown Village Christmas Light Switch On, Village Corner Shop, 345pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December-Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December*	Foodbank Collection
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December*	Christmas in Coaltown, Parent Council Event - 5.30pm-8.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December- Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December *	Santa's Grotto – more info to follow
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December *	P1/2/3 Class Christmas Party, 1.30pm (see below)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December*	P5/6/7 Class Christmas Party, 1.30pm (see below)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December*	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December*	P3/4/5 Class Christmas Party, 1.30pm (see below)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Last Day of Winter Term
<b><u>2022 Spring &amp; Summer Term</u></b>	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day of Spring term
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	In Service Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Holiday
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Holiday
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Holiday
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	In Service Day – school closed to pupils
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Holiday
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Last Day of Summer Term

Date changes \*\*

New dates \*

### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

**DISCOVERY FILM FESTIVAL** **Discovery Film Festival** **DCA**  
 This year we were able access the Discovery Film Festival: Scotland's International Film Festival for Young Audiences remotely. Our P1- P3 pupils enjoyed a selection of wordless short animations Shorts for Wee Ones and our P4 – P7 pupils enjoyed a Norwegian film Sisters: The Summer We Found Our Superpowers about two sisters finding inner strength to persevere in a difficult situation. Thank you to Dundee Contemporary Arts for making the festival accessible remotely. Hopefully, next year we will be able to visit the cinema and associated exhibitions in person.

#### **Soup and custard are back on the menu!**

For the last year, we have eaten lunches in classes. Pupils and staff have done a great job in making it work. It did mean, though, that we couldn't offer the full menu. Over the last few weeks, the House Captains have been working hard with Barbara to reintroduce all our pupils back into the school dinner hall. The House Leadership teams have created a supportive and welcoming atmosphere at their House tables. Well done!

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## COMING UP- Christmas!

### Community News

#### **Christmas Lights Switch On**

Coaltown of Wemyss community council are proud to be supporting Forth One Cash for Kids this year!

On Wednesday 1st December Forth One presenters Boogie and Arlene along with producer Marty will be doing our first ever Christmas Light Switch on.

Come along to our local shop to enjoy a hot drink, some mince pies whilst supporting your Community Council and this great charity.

#### **🎄 Christmas in Coaltown 🎄**

SANTA will be coming!! 🧑🏻‍🦺🧑🏻‍🦺🧑🏻‍🦺

There will also be a selection of stalls selling cakes and Christmas crafts on the night 🏠

This is a free event although, as usual, a donation bucket will be out - any donations are much appreciated and all moneys raised will go towards future events for our local area.

Registration open NOW for Wemyss village children - this includes Coaltown, West Wemyss and East Wemyss

\*registration deadline: Mon 29th Nov

\*\*To register please message the Parent Council FB page

Please consider donating !!89p!! Selection boxes 📦

\*donation deadline: Tuesday 7th Dec

Make sure to register your house to be included on the map and to be in with a chance of winning the MOST MAGICAL prize! 🏆

\*registration deadline: Tuesday 7th Dec

If you can offer ANY help with the planning, organising or running of the event PLEASE contact us now. These events rely on community spirit - many hands make light work!

### School Events

#### **Class Christmas Parties**

Our Christmas parties take place in the afternoon (see dates above).

Pupils can come in their usual clothes or can get changed into party clothes. If you would like your child to wear party clothes, you can take them home at lunch time to get changed or they can come dressed for the party.

**Please remember that children coming dressed in party clothes will still need LOTS of layers.** Pupils having a home lunch and getting changed can be picked up at 12.30pm. If your child is getting changed at home on their party day, **please make sure they are back in school by 1.30pm.**



#### **School Christmas Dinner, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Our School Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Please make sure you pre-order on iPay or contact the school office by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Virtual Christmas at Coaltown PS 2021**

We will be sharing our Christmas show virtually again this year. Mrs Reid is running a Christmas Show Production club at lunchtime. We can't wait to see their ideas! We'll be sharing the final version at the end of term. Watch this space.

#### **House Events**

Our House Leadership teams are planning House events for the end of term. There will be lots going on!

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## Christmas Giving

### **Santa's Grotto, Monday 13<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

As you know, we aim to keep costs down for our families. We encourage pupils to make rather than buy gifts. However, if your child is keen to buy a gift for the grown-ups in their lives, we are offering our Santa's Grotto service again this year. This is an opportunity for pupils to buy small gifts for the grown-ups in their families at a reasonable price – and you don't need to take them to the shops to do it! More information to follow.



## **Foodbank**

Many families across our community have been struggling. As Coaltown of Wemyss Primary School we would like to our bit for our local community. From Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December we are collecting donations for Levenmouth Foodbank. We will have a drop box available outside the main entrance to leave donations during school hours. Levenmouth Foodbank will be collection our donations on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.



We will be raising funds for our school and for charity later this school session. Our school aims are 'Improve Myself, Improve My School, Improve My World'. Our fundraising will form part of our learning and will be led by our pupils.

## **The Gift of Kindness**



Kindness is one of our school values. This December, our classes will be engaging with the British Red Cross Kindness Calendar. We will be learning about and practising kindness this December with The Snowman and The Snowdog.

'As the year comes to a close and we look forward to the future, The British Red Cross is here to support children to think about the importance of kindness and friendship in their lives. The calendar, featuring The Snowman and The Snowdog (in partnership with Snowdog Enterprises Ltd), helps children see the power and strength of kindness to enable them to cope with change and support their wellbeing.'



## Other information

### **Layers and waterproof coats**

To minimise the spread of COVID-19, you will be aware that we keep the school well ventilated. We learn outdoors, whenever we can - whatever the Scottish weather throws at us! All pupils and staff need to come to wearing layers and a warm, waterproof coat so we can layer up or down as necessary. Children don't always feel the cold like adults (a certain Headteacher is already wearing 5 layers!) but **we all need a top, jumper and warm waterproof coat everyday, at a minimum.** If you need any support with winter clothing, please let Ms MacGregor or Hayley know. We have extra supplies in school to share.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01592 583420 or [coaltownofwemyssps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk](mailto:coaltownofwemyssps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk), if you have any questions or queries.

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