

**Pathhead School Newsletter – December 2021**

**Cold Weather:**

Please make sure the children are wrapped up in warm clothes for both indoors and outdoors. Ventilation is still a massive part of our risk assessment and school can be a wee bit chilly at times. We are quite relaxed about school uniform and would rather your child be warm and cosy.

**Milk:**

Milk will be £14.75 for next term We are trying hard to go cashless and milk can be paid on ipay. School milk is free for anyone in receipt of Fife Council Free School Meals and Clothing Grant. **You must apply!**

 **Raffle Tickets/ Wrap it Up:**

 **Raffle:**

Raffle tickets will be on sale all week until Friday at 3pm. Miss Grieve will be in the P1 playground on Tuesday 14th December at 2.50pm selling tickets should you wish to buy some. She is also outside every other night at school office from 2.50pm.

Money can be sent in with children and raffle tickets will be returned to children on the day to bring home.

The prizes are amazing this year with a mix of local business prizes, massive hampers, £50 Marks and Spencer’s Vouchers, swimming passes, Dominoes vouchers, Stephen’s vouchers etc.

Make sure you don’t miss out and all proceeds go to school funds to benefit our children and school.

**Wrap it Up:**

We are selling wee presents to P1 and P2 children tomorrow for £2. The children can bring their money and select a wee gift for their family which will be wrapped up ready for Christmas. If this is successful, we will do this for the rest of the school in the next few days. Again, all proceeds go to school funds/ PC.

 **Christmas**

**Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day** – Wednesday 15th December. Children can wear a Christmas jumper or something Christmassy if the wish. No pressure – school uniform is just fine too. There will be a Christmas Movie in the afternoon too. No cost for this – we would rather you spent money buying raffle tickets for our amazing Christmas Hampers.

**Christmas Parties:**

P1, P1/2 and P2 – Thursday the 16th December – children can come to school dressed in party clothes should you wish.

All Nurseries and 2/3 – P7 – Friday 17th December - parties will all be on Friday afternoon and children can come to nursery and school dressed in party clothes should you wish.

**Nativity:**

The whole school are working on Nativity Plays. In P1-3 the children are performing ‘I’m Gonna Shine’ and this will be recorded this week and sent out as a You Tube Link via Seesaw the following week.

In P4-7 the children are performing ‘Hosanna Rock’ which is a really fun, upbeat version of the nativity. Again, this will be recorded and links will be sent out via Seesaw next week.

Hopefully next year, we can have you all in again. Fingers and toes well and truly crossed!

Welcome to our December newsletter.

It has been quite the year so far and yet again we are working with restrictions and government advice that is ever changing. Thank you to everyone who has stuck to the rules and supported us to keep our school open for our children and staff. Hopefully, January will bring a healthier and safer time for us all but for now, all restrictions are the same as they always have been.

Despite all the covid restrictions, school and nursery have been very busy and hard-working places. We have been working really hard on literacy - reading and writing this term, with many classes in school using quality improvement to track and measure progress. This is a massive part of our school improvement plan and we really are committed to raising attainment and achievement for all of our children.

Nursery have also been working on creating a quality environment for our children and have had a major focus on interactions and observations. We are seeing lots of high-quality play and learning in nursery with children developing confidence and progress in their achievements of early level.

I wish each and every one of you a happy, fun and healthy school holiday and remember to use Seesaw or school email during the holidays should you need to contact the school in emergency. Mrs Mellis for nursery, Mrs Rollo for P1 – P3 and Mrs Melvin for P4-7.

Pathhead really is the best place in Scotland to learn and flourish and I want to thank all of the children, families and staff for their dedication and commitment to our school.

Thanks for your continued support, Jillian Mellis