







 **Antonine Primary**

**December News**

**Session: 2023/24**

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**Head Teacher Update**

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

Welcome to our December newsletter. We have had a very busy term, with lots of great opportunities and experiences including: Hallowe’en discos, Our World of Work Week, P7 Residential Trip to Dounans, Our P1 Play-A-Long Maths sessions, a P2, P3/2 and P3 Literacy Breakfast, our P5/4 to P7 French inspired Art exhibition and we hosted our Parent/carer progress meetings. As you will see from the Christmas Countdown issued last week, there are lots of upcoming activities and events over the next few weeks. We look forward to seeing you in and around the school over the festive period and on behalf of all the pupils and staff, I wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Best wishes,

**Mr G S Byrne**

**Attendance and Late-coming**

We are continuing to focus on attendance, as it has a significant impact on pupil progress. At our recent Parents’ Evening we shared the overall attendance rate for each class, with our overall school attendance rate of 89 %. Our school target is 92%. We are following the Glasgow City Council policy for Attendance, which means that if your child’s attendance falls below 90%, then you will receive a letter from the Head Teacher. If your child’s attendance does not improve another letter will be issued and an invitation to come into school for a meeting. It is important that we work together to ensure that all our children are in school in order to achieve their potential. We also understand that at times, children become unwell and therefore cannot attend.

 A gentle reminder that family holidays should not take place during term time and pupils will be marked as absent for this period. Also, an increasing number of pupils are being collected earlier at the end of the school day. This should only be if the pupil has a medical appointment. We appreciate your support and co-operation with these issues.



 

Our Values

**P7 Residential**

Our P7 pupils have just returned from their five day trip to Dounans Outdoor Centre. The children had a great time, strengthened and forged new friendships and made some super memories whilst developing lots of skills for learning, work and life. We are so proud of their achievements and they were great ambassadors for our school. A special thanks to Mrs Harrigan, Mrs Murray, Miss Storer, Ms McCabe and Mrs Brady for accompanying the children on the trip.

**Children In Need**

As a school we supported Children in Need by having a wear something yellow, spotty or pyjamas. Our Pupil Council also hosted a Pudsey colouring competition. A big thank you to all of our families for your generous donations. As a school we raised a fantastic total of **£ 270.62**. Thank you very much,

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PUPIL VOICE

TEAM PLAYER

RESPECT

**Staffing Update**

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Dobbie our Support for Learning Worker whom has returned after her maternity leave. She will be working with our P2 class. We have also, welcomed a new Support for Learning Worker, Miss Louise McGeever who is working across our P3/2 and P3 classes. During November, we advertised for a part time Principal Teacher post and I am delighted to announce that Mrs Matheson was the successful candidate. Mrs Matheson has worked in our school for a number of years and will take on the role of Principal Teacher with a responsibility for Literacy. She is currently focusing on raising attainment in writing across the school.

KINDNESS

**Christmas Jumper Day**

Pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas t-shirt (design their own) on **Thursday 7th December** as part of Christmas Jumper Day. Please note there is no need to buy a jumper for this.

**Christmas Fayre 2023**

* Our annual Christmas Fayre will take place on **Thursday 14th December.** Our classes are already busy making crafts that will be on sale. There will also be a raffle/tombola, home baking, bring and buy stall and some Christmas games and activities. **There will be the opportunity to visit Santa but this will only be available in the afternoon slot from 1.30 – 2.30 pm.**
* **Timetable**: Please note that due to Health and Safety and in response to parental feedback we have decided to trial a new approach:
* **9.30 – 10.30 ALL classes to visit the Fayre with their teachers.**
* **10.45 – 11.30 Parents /Carers of P5/4 to P7 invited to attend.**
* **1.30 – 2.30 Parents/Carers of P1 – P4 invited to attend**.

* **Adult and Children’s Hampers:** Our annual hampers are already being made up and tickets for the adult and pupil hampers should have come home in bags. **Please ensure all tickets are returned by Tuesday 12th December**. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the Christmas Fayre.
* **Donations:** We would greatly welcome any donations of toys, games and books for our Christmas Fayre. Also, any donations of sweets, toiletries etc for our tombola would be greatly appreciated. Please hand any donations into our school office. Your help is much appreciated.
* **Homebaking:** Any donations of baking should be handed in either on the day before or on the day of the Fayre. A reminder that we are a nut free school. We appreciate all your kindness and generosity, in support of our school.

**P1 and P2 Christmas Wriggly Nativity**

Our P1 and P2 classes have been working hard on their production of The Wriggly Nativity. Our P1 pupils will be performing, whilst our P2 pupils will be taking on the role of the choir. A separate letter has been issued by Mrs Peffers, to ensure that we are able to allocate two tickets for either the:

* Monday 11th December 1.30 pm or
* Tuesday 12th December 9.30 am performance

All pupils will get the opportunity to see the dress rehearsal on Friday 8th December.



**Holidays**

A reminder that school will close at **2.30 pm on Friday 22nd December** for the winter break. School will re-open to staff and pupils on **Monday 8th January 2024.**

**Christmas Sing-a-Long**

We will be hosting our Christmas sing-along on **Wednesday 20th December.** Each class will perform a Christmas song and our choir will also sing a few songs. Parents and carers are invited to join us for this event.

**P1 - P4 Christmas Sing-a-long 9.20 – 10.00**

 **P5/4 - P7 Christmas Sing-a-long 10.20 - 11.00**

**Please note a maximum of 2 adults per child due to Health and Safety and space restrictions.**

**Christmas Lunch**

Our Christmas Lunch takes place on **Wednesday 13th December.** A separate letter was issued around lunch options and this should be returned as soon as possible. A reminder that no other lunch options will be served on this day.



**P4, P5/4 and P5 Panto Trips**

We are delighted that several classes will be visiting the King’s Theatre to see a performance of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. The classes involved are currently learning all about the Theatre and productions and so this will supplement their learning. They have also received workshops from theatre staff during the month of November.

The classes will visit the theatre on the following dates:

Tuesday 5th Dec P4 1.00 -4.45 pm, Wednesday 6th Dec P5/4 1.00 -4.45pm and P5 on Thursday 7th December 1.00 -4.45 pm. A big thanks to all staff for facilitating these trips which extend beyond the school day.