



# Battlefield Primary School

## November & December 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our 2023-24 session is well underway and as the days get shorter, they are also becoming colder. Winter is well on the way. Please ensure your child/children are wrapped up warm and have suitable footwear to keep them dry. It is important we keep the children safe and warm. Your children will be outside playing, as well as doing Outdoor Learning, in all weather conditions.

I know it is frustrating when children lose hats and gloves etc. but please put names on all of your children's clothing. It is the only chance we have of finding lost items.

It is lovely to see most of our pupils in school uniform and showing that they are proud to be members of the Battlefield' family. Well done! This term we are looking out to see who is wearing their uniforms and are awarding house points for this, which pupils can earn to go towards the end of term treat for the winning house! We would appreciate your support with this and encourage you to send children to school in their uniform rather than in hoodies and sportswear. Thanks.

Mrs MacFie, Mrs Hamill and Ms Flanagan run the uniform recycling in the school so if you are looking for any items please email me as we have lots of clothes that have kindly been donated by our families. We want to encourage our uniform recycling as it not only saves much needed pennies it also helps our planet if we are recycling clothes rather than buying new items all the time. Children grow so quickly and it can be quite expensive and we have lots to share. We will also have these items free for you to take at our Winter Fayre on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, so look out for our stall. If you have any uniform that your children may have outgrown can you please wash them and send them in too, thanks.

**You may be entitled to a Clothing Grant!**

You can apply at:

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17885>



### Lost Property

We are, unfortunately, becoming swamped by lost property. Almost all of the items we have just now have no name on. With 394 pupils, all wearing similar items, it is virtually impossible to return these articles to their rightful owners. We also have a number of water bottles and lunch boxes. For this reason, we will have an area during the Winter Fayre where you can go and view these items and take home if they belong to you. Any remaining items will be recycled or disposed of in order for us to clear things out. Please come and see if anything is your child's.

### Halloween Disco

Thank you to our lovely Family Fundraising Team and all the helpers who worked so hard to give the children a Halloween Disco this year. There were some fantastic costumes and some scary dancing too! Fun was had by all.

### Winter Fayre

The winter fayre on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December is nearly upon us. The public will be allowed in between 10am and 1pm. If you know anyone who would be interested in donating any prizes to the school for a raffle etc. there is still time. Please hand into the school office. I am sure they would appreciate extra helpers too if you have an hour or so free. All monies raised go back to the school to support the children so please contact the Parent Council

on: [battlefieldparentcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:battlefieldparentcouncil@outlook.com) if you can help in any way. Thanks



### December Dates

I wanted to highlight a number of the key events for December in this month's newsletter so you are prepared for our planned Festive Fun for all!

<b>Monday 27th November – Friday 1st December</b>	<b>Class decorate your door challenge – ECO FRIENDLY Winning doors judged by Pupil Council- additional points awarded for recycled resources, MOST ECO-FRIENDLY FESTIVE DOOR</b>
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Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Winter Fayre
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day/Dress Down Day (optional donations to be made to Save the Children)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Good Work Assembly P1-4 Ballet – P4
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupil Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas parties in stages in gym hall Teachers to provide further details relevant to their class on SeeSaw. Children to wear party clothes to school on day of party.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	NATIVITY - 9:30 for P1a and P1s of P2/1 11.15 for P1b and 2s of P2/1 11:15 NO TICKETS REQUIRED
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	UPPER PARTIES PM – P5
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concerts – 9:30 & 11:15am NO ENTRY WITHOUT TICKET Good Work Assembly P5-7
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 – WHOLE SCHOOL PANTO – CINDERELLA 1-2 PM – P4 CHRISTMAS PARTY
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	AM – P7 PANTO DRESS REHEARSAL 10.45 – 12.30 – P2 CHRISTMAS PARTY 1-2 – PM - P3 CHRISTMAS PARTY 2-3 PM UPPER PARTY – P6
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	AM - UPPER PARTY - P7 PM – P1 CHRISTMAS PARTY
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	11 AM – HT VALUES PARTY - ATRIUM 1.30 PM – WINNING HOUSE TREAT After school – 6.30 PM – 8.30 PM – P7 & 6 PANTO P7 & 6 FAMILIES TICKETS REQUIRED
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Festive Film in classes
	School Sing A Long – 1.30 – 2.00pm Class Stages to join together to sing some festive songs. Playlist to be sent to classes. Bells will signal start and end of the singalong. School closes at 2.30pm –Happy Holidays!

### Child Protection

If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of any our pupils please report these to our Child Protection Co-ordinators. **Mrs Stacy Wilson (Head Teacher)** is the first point of contact for Child Protection in Battlefield. In her absence our **Deputy Child Protection Co-ordinators** are **Mrs Laura Imrie, Mrs Kara Milliken & Ms Louise Flanagan**. Mrs Wilson is also our **Care Experienced Co-ordinator** and is responsible for monitoring any children in the school who are looked after or in foster care.



### Nut Allergies

We have children in school who have severe nut allergies. Please help to keep all pupils safe and do not send snacks or foods into school containing nuts. Thank you

**Allergy Aware School**





### **Medication Reminder**

If your child requires medication (e.g. inhaler) please bring it in ASAP. The medication needs to have a pharmacy label with your child's name on and we also need you to complete a short consent form in the office as we cannot administer the medication without this.

### **Literacy Work – Writing Jotters**

At the end of this term your child will bring home the Writing work they have completed. This is an opportunity for you and your child to share their learning. It allows parents/carers and children to talk about what children have been working on and is an opportunity for you and your child to feedback to staff on how you feel about it. There will be a parent/carer and child evaluation form for you to complete together to send back to the school. When your child brings home their Writing jotter please ensure this is sent back to school at the end of that week.



### **School Office**

We still only have one member of staff in the office every day (if there are no absences) which means we are not always able to respond to parent queries etc. as quickly as we would like. Recently office staff have reported that they are really struggling at the end of the day to run around the school to tell various teachers that pick-up arrangements for children have changed. With 394 children this can often be a large number. This also can leave the office unmanned as the person heads off to give this information to staff or to collect children being picked up early. Whilst we appreciate that things can change due to emergencies at the last minute it would be great if parents and carers could tell us of other changes earlier in the day or even by note if you know that morning. That way we ensure all messages are passed on in time. Thanks.



*Thank you for all your support, if you have any questions please get in touch with the school office.*

*Stacy Wilson*

### **Key Dates –**

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## Key Dates 2023- 2024



Date	Event	Time
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Winter Fayre	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 & P2/1 - Nativity	9.30AM
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Battlefield Fundraising Committee In School Meeting	9:30AM
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert	9:30 & 11:15am
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Writing Jotters/Work home	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Visiting Panto Performance - Cinderella	9:30AM
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Panto Performance	TBC PM
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Writing Jotters/Work returned (parent/pupil feedback)	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Early Close	2.30PM
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b> (Inclusive dates)	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Battlefield Fundraising Committee Zoom Meeting	PM
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	P4 Sharing of Learning	2:15PM
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	P2 Class Assembly	9:30AM
12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>February Holiday</b> (Inclusive dates)	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>In-service Day</b>	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Battlefield Fundraising Committee In School Meeting	9:30AM
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	P7 Sharing of Learning	2:15PM
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	P5 Sharing of Learning	2:15PM
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	P6a Class Assembly	9:30AM
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Reading Jotters/Work home	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Reading Jotters/Work returned (parent/pupil feedback)	
TBC	P7 Residential (Inclusive dates)	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Battlefield Fundraising Committee Zoom Meeting	PM
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Night (Late)	5:30-7:30PM
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents' Night (Early)	3:00-5:30PM
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Early Close	2.30PM
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Good Friday</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> April – 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Spring Break</b> (Inclusive dates)	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Battlefield Fundraising Committee In School Meeting	9:30AM
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>Possible Election In-service Day</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Holiday</b>	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Battlefield Fundraising Committee Zoom Meeting	PM
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	P1 Sharing of Learning	2:15PM
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	P5b Class Assembly	9:30AM
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	P4b Class Assembly	9:30AM
24 <sup>th</sup> May & 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Holiday</b>	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Afternoon (First Choice)	PM
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Battlefield Fundraising Committee In School Meeting	9:30AM
<i>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>Sports Afternoon (Reserve Date)</i>	<i>PM</i>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Reports Issued	9.30AM
June	P7 Transition Week – Shawlands Academy	TBC
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Early Close	1.00PM

## School Holiday Dates for 2023/24

Return dates for Teachers	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2023
Return date for Pupils	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2023
September Weekend	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023 Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
First Mid-Term	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 (Inservice Day) Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 (October week)
Christmas/New Year	Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023 Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Christmas holidays)
	<b>2024</b>
Return to School	Schools return on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Second Mid-Term	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 & Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2024. Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Inservice day)
Spring Holiday	Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024. Good Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024  Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 (Spring Break)  Schools return on Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
UK Elections	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May (Possible Inservice day)
May Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 (May Holiday)
May Weekend	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 and Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
School Close	Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2024

