



# Newsletter



November/December 2023

Dear parents and carers



We are on the final countdown to the Christmas holidays and we have so many fabulous experiences planned for our children at Blairdardie! I have attached our December Timetable which has all the important dates you need to add to your diaries.

Fire Alarm - Engineers continue to work on resolving our Fire Alarm issues. We would ask that if you have feedback for the school you avoid commenting negatively on social media and contact us directly. We are always happy to hear from parents. In the event of a fire alarm, staff and children are unable to return to the building to collect jackets or snacks/lunch. We can only return to the building when it is safe to do so. Health and Safety is our priority.

Staffing - At the end of this term we will say cheerio to our wonderful Barnardo's Worker Linda, she is sad to be leaving us but family commitments mean she is no longer able to stay with us at Blairdardie. I am sure that you will agree that Linda has been a great member of our school team, she had made a difference to so many children and families. We will all miss her lots.

Barnardo's will support us to recruit a new worker in January.

Assemblies - Every Friday we meet together for assembly, our focus this month has been 'Anti-Bullying'. This has included hearing from our children and enjoying a thought-provoking performance from a visiting theatre company. In the New Year we plan to launch our updated 'anti-bullying' strategy. We also learn new songs at assembly, our latest song is about building confidence and becoming a 'superstar'.

This week we will celebrate St Andrew's Day, children are invited to wear blue/white or tartan on Thursday.



Christmas Fayre - Each class have been busy making crafts for the Christmas Fayre. Children will be involved in the decision making around spending any profit to improve their class resources.

This week and next, we would like to invite children to bring in any toys or books in good condition, which they no longer need or want. These toys will then be on sale at our Christmas Fayre for a small donation.

We can't wait to see parents/carers at the P1-3 Nativity and Christmas Fayre.

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**At Blairdardie Primary School we value:**

**Honesty   Hard Work   Respect   Helping Others   Positive Healthy Attitude.**

## Important Dates

### November

- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November - St Andrews day, wear blue/white or tartan.

### December

- See December Timetable



### January

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - School reopens
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January - P6 Assembly, parents/carers invited. 11am.

### February

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Holiday
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - In-service day
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - P2 Assembly, parents/carers invited. 11am.
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Parents' Evening

### March

- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March - Primary 7 Paris Trip
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - P5 Assembly, parents/carers invited. 11am.
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - School closes at 2.30pm, for Spring Holiday

### April

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - School reopens

### May

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (In-service day to coincide with UK Parliamentary elections, but might change)
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - May Holiday
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - P3 Assembly, parents/carers invited. 11am.
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> & Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Holiday Weekend
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Sports Day

### June

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly 1.45pm
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June - School closes at 1pm

## Christmas fayre & Christmas Jumper Day

In order to have the hall ready for the Christmas Fayre in the afternoon, children are encouraged to bring a packed lunch this day. The dinner school will provide a packed lunch for any child who orders a lunch from dinner school. Children will eat in their classrooms.

### Winter Wellie Walk

If you live locally we would love you to turn your Christmas lights on as we walk around the block at Kearn Avenue. Give us a wave at your window if you are home!

### Christmas Parties

Children are invited to wear party clothes on the day of their party. Please inform the office of any dietary requirements prior to the party.

## Homework

We have been auditing our interactions on Seesaw. As you can see, only a small number from each class interacts/completes homework on Seesaw.

We currently pay £1500 per year for Seesaw and sadly we have decided not to continue with this subscription from January due to the low number of children/families interacting.

We will invite parents for a homework consultation in early January. We will also explore alternative apps which are more cost effective.

Class	Total % of sbs completed homework over 4-week period
P1A	40%
P1B	61%
P2/1	51%
P2A	39%
P2B	31%
P3A	21%
P3B	27%
P4A	24%
P4B	24%
P5A	28%
P5B	37%
P6A	10%
P6B	9%
P7A	47%
P7B	20%