



Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

As you are aware, we were recently visited by inspectors from Education Scotland. Thank you to everyone who took the time to either respond to their survey or come in to talk with the inspection team. Your responses were appreciated, and will help inform our next steps.

Lots of strengths were noted by the inspection team, including:

- Our warm and welcoming environment
- Motivated and engaged learners
- Positive relationships amongst staff
- Engagement with local community

There are, of course, areas for development. When the official report is published, an action plan will be devised, highlighting how we can continue to improve our school. I will be liaising with a range of colleagues from across the local authority, ensuring we get the support needed to successfully move Golfhill forward.

Areas which will receive more immediate attention include:

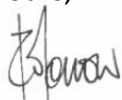
- Better communication with our families
- Establishing an *anti-bullying* policy
- Improving the tracking and monitoring of attainment
- Developing leadership capacity amongst our learners

We know that there are challenges to overcome, but we are ready to face them. With the hard work of our staff, the enthusiasm of our learners, and the support of our families, I have no doubt that Golfhill will continue to develop and thrive.

If there is anything you would like to discuss, or something that I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone all the very best for the upcoming Festive season. Stay safe, keep warm, and have fun!



Yours,



Iain Morrow
Head Teacher

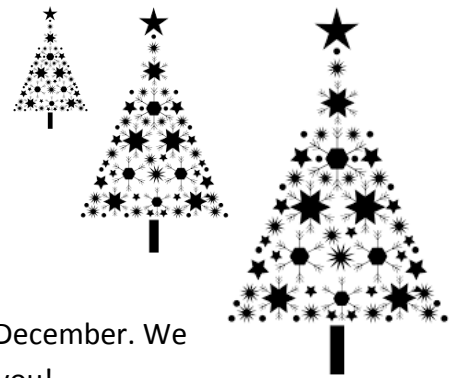
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Christmas at Golfhill



Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair is taking place from 13:15 on Friday 6th December. We have had a marvellous response to our call for donations – thank you!

Each class will be selling hand-made crafts in their rooms, and there'll be bric-a-brac and books, face-painting, prize raffle, *Bonus Ball* game, tearoom, local craftspeople and more!

We hope to see as many of you there as possible to help support the school.

Choir

Our newly-formed P4-P7 Christmas Choir have been giving up their lunchtimes to learn and rehearse songs for upcoming fundraising performances at Tesco Parkhead (13:00, Wed 11th) and the Parkhead Forge (10:30, Thu 12th). They are in fine voice, and we're sure shoppers will enjoy hearing them and give generously!



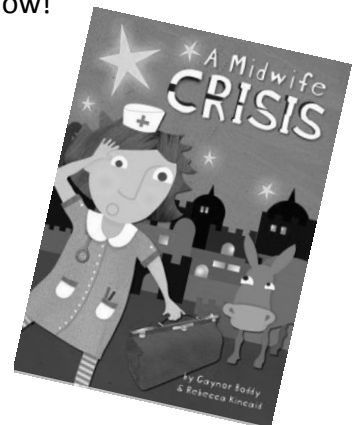
Nativity and Concert

Primary One are busy rehearsing their Nativity performance, which this year is *A Midwife Crisis*. This is definitely a show not to miss! Look out for tickets, on sale now!



Following their success in *Lights, Camel, Action* last year, Primary Two will be supporting the P1 cast as the chorus.

After the nativity presentation, classes from P3 – P7 will be performing renditions of some alternative Christmas songs, as well as leading a sing-along, so do come and join in with some festive fun!



Christmas Parties

Our Christmas parties will take place on Wednesday 18th December. There'll be games, prizes, dancing, treats and lots of fun!

Please note, uniform is not required during the last week of term. We would encourage Christmas jumpers or outfits for the concert, and we know lots of folk like to dress a bit fancy for the parties, but please do not go to trouble or expense!



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Winter illnesses



There are lots of bugs and viruses going around just now.



In cases of sickness and diarrhoea, please wait at least 48 hours after the last bout before sending your child back to school.

For further advice about the range of winter illnesses, please see www.nhsinform.scot or contact your local pharmacist.

Clothing (*just another wee reminder...!*)

Labelling

Please take a moment to label your child(ren)'s clothes. This will help us reunite jumpers and jackets with their owners when they are invariably left lying around!



Clothing bank

Please remember about the clothing bank we have in the foyer. Everyone is welcome to help themselves from it, and we welcome any donations to add to it.

Football colours / slogans



A wee reminder that, as per Glasgow City Council policy, **no football strips** should be worn at school regardless of team or country. This includes tops, shorts and tracksuits.

Nut allergies

We have an increasing number of pupils in school with nut allergies, so it is really important that nothing containing nuts comes into school. This includes some cereal bars, peanut butter and Nutella-based snacks.



Your help in supporting this is very much appreciated.

Food Bank



Primary 5 are collecting donations for a local foodbank. If you can spare any tins, packets, toiletries or men's clothing, please hand them into the school office, or place them in the box in the foyer. Thank you for your support, and well done P5 for helping the community.

Car Park

Thank you for continuing to respect the car park at the back of the school as a staff car park, and **not** a drop-off / pick-up point.



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Upcoming dates for your diary

<i>Christmas Fair</i>	Friday 6 th December	(13:15 – 14:30)
<i>Choir performing at Tesco</i>	Wednesday 11 th December	(13:00)
<i>Choir performing at The Forge</i>	Thursday 12 th December	(10:30)
<i>Nativity performances</i>	Monday 16 th December	(09:30 and 13:15)
<i>Christmas Parties</i>	Wednesday 18 th December	
<i>School closes for Christmas</i>	Thursday 19 th December	@ 14:15
<i>Christmas and New Year holiday</i>	Friday 20 th December – Friday 4 th January	
<i>Return to school</i>	Monday 7 th January	@ 08:45
<i>In-service Day (no pupils)</i>	Friday 7 th February	
<i>Mid-term Break</i>	Monday 10 th and Tuesday 11 th February	
<i>In-service Day (no pupils)</i>	Wednesday 12 th February	
<i>Open Afternoon</i>	Friday 14 th February	@ 14:00
<i>School closes for Spring Break</i>	Friday 3 rd April	@ 14:15

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