



# Newsletter

## December 2021



### Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2021! I hope you are all keeping safe and well, and staying warm as we move ever deeper into winter. With the festive break drawing closer, we are delighted to be able to offer some joy and cheer with our Christmas activities.

The schedule was sent home on Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, but can also be found in the *Newsletters* page on our website. Scan the QR code below to take you to the website.

Just added to the calendar is our Christmas Tuck Shop. A price list has been sent home, and all classes have posters to remind them of what's on offer, and how much things cost.

Covid-19 remains an ongoing and serious issue, so the health and safety measures we have in place continue to be followed. Remember, **no-one should attend school if they are experiencing Covid-19 symptoms**. A PCR test should be arranged, and NHS advice followed.

Guidance is emerging regarding the Omicron variant. As soon as we have more information, we will get this to you.

Thank you for your continuing support of our school. As always, if there is anything you would like to discuss, or something that I can help with, please do get in touch.



Yours,

Iain Morrow  
Head Teacher



### Staffing update

As you may have been aware, we have experienced a lot of staff absence over the last two terms. Every effort has been made to ensure limited impact on the service we offer.

In brighter news... this week we welcomed Ms Miller to the office. She comes with a wealth of clerical and admin experience, and is a wonderful addition to our team.

Miss Jackman had to start her maternity leave early. We were sorry to say goodbye, but wish her and the baby all the very best. Mr Hay took over her teaching duties, and will be in class until Christmas. After the break, P7/6 will be taught by a new teacher, Ms Gormley.

I know you'll join me in wishing both new members of staff a very warm welcome.

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Safe

Equality

## Whitehill Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who helped out with donations for our stall at the Whitehill Christmas Fayre, and to those who braved the weather to come along and visit us!

Despite the wind and rain, and an earlier than expected finish, we made a remarkable **£500!** This will all go towards school funds.

The Jarbolas and Mystery Bottle Bags were a huge success, and demand was high for raffle tickets.

Congratulations to everyone who won a hamper, tablet, teddy bear or gingerbread house, or the £100 bonus ball!



## Free School Meals



From January, all P1 – P5 pupils across Glasgow will receive a free school meal at lunchtime. It is expected that this will be extended to **all** primary pupils in the future. Look out for information coming home regarding a new cashless payment system.

## Weather

We like to get out as much as possible, even in winter. Please ensure your child has a warm jacket, suitable footwear, and perhaps gloves and a scarf. Let us know if we can help with this.

We do not keep our children inside, except in extreme circumstances. To use the old phrase; *there's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing.*



## Dates for your diary

<i>School closes for Christmas</i>	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December
<i>Christmas and New Year holiday</i>	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December – Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
<i>Pupils return to school</i>	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
<i>Mid-term break</i>	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February
<i>In-service Day (no pupils)</i>	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February



**Merry Christmas to all our families.  
We hope you enjoy the festive season.  
Here's to a Happy New Year in 2022!**

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