



Newsletter

December 2022



Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

The weather outside may be frightful, but our Christmas celebrations are delightful! Our festive schedule is now in full swing, and remaining key dates can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Last week's Christmas Fair was a huge success, raising **£1200!** A huge thank you to everyone who donated items and / or came along. Thanks also to our Parent Council and to staff across the school for all they did. There was a great atmosphere and it was lovely to see everyone!

Don't forget, our *Reverse Advent Calendar* (food bank collection) is underway, and there has been such a generous response already. Please consider donating if you can.

Items to donate include: tinned goods, dried goods, cereal, jars, biscuits, oil and seasonings, tea, coffee, sugar, diluting juice, long-life milk, shampoo, soap, bodywash, sanitary products, pet food, and baby milk.



As always, if there's anything I can help with, please get in touch. In the meantime, though, I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2023!



Yours,

Iain Morrow
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Head Teacher

Latecoming

In the last newsletter, we reminded you about our school day, but lateness remains a huge concern. Please remember, our school day runs from **08:45 – 14:45**.

The start of the school day is vitally important, as routines, expectations, learning intentions and news are shared at this time.



Also, our various trips to places like the Sports Hub and library leave prompt, and children can miss out on these experiences. The expectation is that everyone lines up outside at **08:45**.

We also respectfully ask, again, that pupils are collected on time at **14:45**.

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Staffing



Mrs Blyth has now started her maternity leave, slightly earlier than expected. Mum and baby are both doing well, and this early finish is just a precaution to ensure continued wellbeing.

Miss Ferguson has now taken over full teaching responsibility in P1. This has affected arrangements in P5 and P7Golf, but families of those classes have been notified.



Flu Vaccines



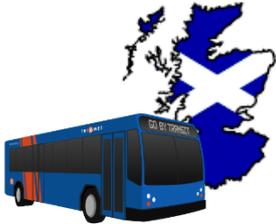
Flu vaccines will be administered this week, on Thursday 8th December.

Forms were issued at the start of the school year.



Information about flu vaccines can be found by scanning this QR code

Free bus travel – reminder!



All young people in Scotland aged 5 – 21 are now entitled to free bus travel using a valid National Entitlement Card.

The website freebus.scot has lots of information about free bus travel, how it works, how to apply, the benefits and some tips for travelling safely too.

Dates for your diary

<i>Nativity performances</i>	Wed 7 th Dec @ 13:30	Thu 8 th Dec @ 09:30
<i>Christmas Jumper Day</i>	Friday 9 th December	
<i>Choir performances</i> (Forge)	Mon 12 th Dec @ 11:00	Wed 14 th Dec @ 13:15
<i>Christmas Lunch</i>	Friday 16 th December	
<i>Non-uniform for rest of term</i>	From Mon 19 th December	<i>Donations welcome!</i>
<i>Christmas Parties</i>	Mon 19 th December	
<i>Panto</i> (Jack and the Beanstalk)	Wednesday 21 st December	
<i>School closes for holidays</i>	Thursday 22 nd December @ 14:15	
<i>Christmas and New Year holiday</i>	Friday 23 rd December – Tuesday 3 rd January	
<i>Pupils return to school</i>	Wednesday 4 th January @ 08:45	



Merry Christmas!

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