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20 December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all looking forward to the holidays this week. Please note that school closes at 2.30pm on Wednesday.

Huge thanks again to the Parent Association for the wonderful festive school decorations. The elves in the school gardens have definitely been up to no good! Thank you to everyone involved. As always, your support in keeping our spirits up, especially during these continued challenging times, is very much appreciated. Thank you also to everyone who participated in the Christmas jumper donation and swap. All of these initiatives are helping Merrylee do our bit towards a sustainable future.

The PA Christmas raffle was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who supported this and congratulations to the winners who were lucky enough to win some amazing prizes!

Covid Update

We continue to follow all government and public health guidance in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our school community. This includes making sure all the classrooms are well ventilated, regular handwashing routines and getting the children outdoors as much as possible. There have been some recent updates to the rules for household close contacts but no changes to the general guidance on face coverings, physical distancing etc. From 11 December, if anyone in your household is positive for Covid, the whole household has to self-isolate for 10 days, regardless of a negative PCR result.

Staff News

A very warm welcome to the newest member of the Whyte family. Mrs Whyte had a lovely, healthy baby boy earlier this month. Both mum and baby Jude are doing well and looking forward to visiting Merrylee, hopefully next year!

We are saying a very fond farewell to Mrs Provan this week. Mrs Provan has been at Merrylee for over 26 years and will be greatly missed by our whole school community. Thank you to all of you for your kind wishes, gifts and contributions to her retirement gift. We are looking forward to giving her a special Merrylee send off this week.

School Trips and Events

Many of our classes have enjoyed some trips out of school this term. All events, both in and out of school are supported by the fundraising efforts of the Parents' Association. P2 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Scottish Opera for a festive performance of Mr MacNeep has Lost his Sheep! P4 visited the King's Theatre to see a Horrible Histories show. P7 had a very cold but enjoyable open-top bus tour of Glasgow as part of their learning in Divided City. Primary 5-7 also had a visit to Clyde College, Langside, to see the pantomime Peter Pan. For many of the children, the excitement included going on a bus with their classmates, something we have not been able to enjoy for quite a while! We look forward to further trips and events in the new year, including our P6s who are off to Lockerbie Manor for a two-night residential visit at the end of February.

In school, we have enjoyed some Christmas movies and parties. Primary 1 also had a surprise special visitor today and it was lovely to see so many excited faces! I believe there are another few surprises coming your way via Seesaw this week which I hope you will enjoy watching.

Please be assured that all events etc are in line with up to date Covid safety guidance.

We have supported a number of charities so far this session including Children in Need (£620), Christmas Jumper Day (£204) and the Prince and Princess of Wales hospice (£130). Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Primary 7 are collecting donations for the Trussell Trust foodbank. Please note that tomorrow (Tuesday) is the last day for any donations. Thank you to the P7 teachers and pupils for organising this and for your donations. Your kindness will benefit so many families, especially at this time of year.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of everyone at Merrylee, to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very healthy and happy holiday.

Merry Christmas!

Colette Haddock

Dates for your diary (more to come next year!)

Wednesday 22 December School closes at 2.30pm for holidays

Wednesday 5 January 2022 Back to school!

Useful contacts

Parent Council

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Parent Association

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You can also follow us on Twitter @MerryleePS

School Contacts

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As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning or progress, please don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of the school leadership team.

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For P5-7 enquiries, please contact Miss McElhone: Gw14mcelhonejulianne@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Please direct all other or general enquiries to me.