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December 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to the upcoming holidays and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

The Christmas fair was a great success and it was lovely to see such a fantastic turn out for this event. The PA worked tirelessly in school and at home organising and preparing a wonderful variety of stalls and activities for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to everyone for your support. The funds raised will be used to benefit all of our Merrylee pupils and families.

It has been a busy term culminating in a fabulous showcase of drama and music performances last week. P1-3 gave an outstanding performance of the traditional nativity story at Cathcart Trinity Church while P4-7 presented a variety of festive and traditional plays here at Merrylee. Special thanks to our resident drama expert, Miss Murray, who provided valuable support and expertise to the teachers and pupils. We hope you enjoyed all of the performances. Thank you to everyone who came along and to all the children and staff who made it possible. Thank you also to all our parent volunteers who helped us get to and from the church safely, with very special and grateful thanks to one of the P1 dads who went ahead with a wheelbarrow and shovel to grit the very icy pavements!

Staff News

We welcomed our new Depute Head, Mrs McLaughlin, to Merrylee last week. She is looking forward to getting to know the Merrylee children and families. We also say a warm welcome back to Mrs Whyte who returns this week from maternity leave. Mrs Whyte will be taking over in P7b from Mrs Yacomine who will soon be leaving to go on maternity leave. From January, Mrs Whyte will be working on a part time basis, Monday – Wednesday. Mrs Scott will be in P7b for the other half of the week. Both Mrs Whyte and Mrs Scott will work closely together with Mrs Taylor to ensure a coherent and consistent experience for our P7 pupils.

Cost of the School Day



As always, we are very aware of the cost of the school day and are very grateful for all ideas and initiatives to support our school community. An area for preloved school uniform is available at the community entrance. Thank you to the PA for organising. Please help us to be eco friendly and take advantage of this to reuse and recycle school uniform before going out to buy anything new. Do not confuse with lost property which is also located there!

Our seasonal rails are also very well supported and used. Many thanks to the PA and everyone who supported the Christmas Jumper Rail.

Thanks also to Mrs Coffey and P5b for organising the foodbank collection and to everyone who contributed. The donations were gratefully received by the Trussell Trust SE who provide invaluable support for our local community.

Your child may also be **entitled to a clothing grant and or free school meals**. Please do not hesitate to apply. All children in P1-5 receive free school meals but it is also worth applying if you are eligible as grants are often given for the school holidays. Information can be found on Glasgow City Council website. Not only will families benefit from any grants received, but the number of successful applications by families also benefits school staffing and the budget we are allocated for school.

Tesco Grant

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Tesco grant for schools. We were awarded £1000 which we have used to go towards the purchase of a fabulous STEM construction kit which is being well used by Primary 3 at the moment. Many thanks to Mrs Allinson for organising and to everyone who contributed to this.

Lost Property

The lost property is accumulating again at the community entrance. Our P4 lost property monitors check every morning and return named items so please ensure that you label every item your child brings to school. We will clear out at the end of the week and donate any remaining items to charity so check for any missing belongings as soon as possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or wish to discuss any matter. May I respectfully remind you to direct any absences or appointments to the absence line or school office as emails to myself or the leadership team may not be picked up in time due to other commitments. You can telephone the school office between 8am and 4pm (Mon-Thurs) and between 8.30am and 3.30pm on Fridays.

Please note that school closes on Thursday at 2.30pm for the holidays.

Have a lovely holiday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in 2023!

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Absence line

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Dates for your diary

Monday 19 December

P5-7 Christmas Parties

Tuesday 20 December

Christmas Service at Merrylea Parish Church @ 1.30pm (all welcome)

Wednesday 21 December

P1-4 Christmas Parties

Thursday 22 December

School closes at 2.30pm for holidays

Wednesday 4 January

Pupils return to school