

... and so the festivities begin!

Headteacher's message

Here we are at the end of the Autumn term. Christmas is only a few weeks away, and we have had our first signs of very cold weather! (Remember to wrap up well and label all items of clothing please!) We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Fayre on Friday 13 December and appreciate all the support you give us; all monies raised go into school funds to support parties, pantos and excursions throughout the year. We couldn't do it without your support so a big thank you.

The staff and children are working hard this year on learning and teaching and preparing for the nativity and the Christmas Service. The School is full of lots of singing which really does make Christmas come to life. All the staff wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 6th January 2020.

Susan Clark
Acting Head Teacher



Dear Parent/Carer

I write to advise you of Ms Eileen Allan's decision to retire and the time has come to bid her farewell. My overriding memory of Ms Allan will be of a strong and decisive Depute Head Teacher who has been completely committed to our children, staff and parents/carers over the last 10 years, since our school opened. We have been truly privileged to have such a good Depute Head Teacher at Pirie Park.

I am sure that you will all want to join with me in thanking Ms Allan and to wish her the greatest luck; health and happiness in her long and happy retirement.

We will make a presentation to her at our Christmas Assembly on Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am; however, Ms Allan's last working day will be Thursday 19 December. I am sure you'll join me in wishing Ms Allan all the very best as she enters this new chapter in her life. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation at Pirie Park.



Eileen Allan
Depute Head Teacher

Head Teacher's Update-READ ALL ABOUT IT !!!

School Christmas Card Competition 2019

Your child will come home with a blank sheet of A4 paper for their homework week commencing 25th November. We ask that all children please create an interesting design, perhaps incorporating something about Pirie Park into it??? One design will be selected to be reproduced for our school Christmas Card. There will be a prize for the winner and 2 runners up. **No glitter please** as it does not scan/copy-thanks. All entries should be handed in by Thursday 28/11



CHRISTMAS MUSICAL CONCERT

Thursday 5th December 2019 7.00 pm (6.30 pm for the children)

A letter has been sent home regarding this musical event. Tickets are FREE and there will be a collection for charity-Cash for Kids who provide support for many of our children and families. Children performing are in the choir and some of our own and Govan High Schools musicians too. The choir will also visit our neighbours, in Davidslea Day Centre and sing for the elderly which they do every year and it is really appreciated. Thank you to teachers, Susan Nickson, Amanda Charleston and David Singer for their hard work with the choir and preparing for our Christmas Musical Concert.



GOVAN LOVES CHRISTMAS

Our school choir will be singing at the Govan Loves Christmas Event. We do hope the children and their families will come along to see the switching on of the Christmas Lights at Govan Cross. There will be a Christmas market at Govan Cross and you will hear all the local schools choirs singing. This is always a lovely and busy community event.

Govan Loves Christmas is Wednesday 4 December 3-6 pm

organised by

Govan Housing Association



Christmas Parties 2019

We have organised parties as follows for all children/classes:

- P1&2,&3 Monday 16th Dec, Entertainer and a special visitor?
- P4-7, Tuesday 17th Dec, Disco, Games and a Magician

Children should come to school dressed for their parties, thanks.

There is no money required for our parties-we subsidise this from school fund raising e.g. sponsored walk and Xmas Fayre and from donations
#costoftheschoolday



KEEP
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AND
CHRISTMAS
PARTY ON

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE!!!

We are looking for more parents who would be willing to help out with the organisation and running of our School Christmas Fayre on Friday 13 December. Please contact the school office and speak to Kay McGurran regarding this. We hope that you'll support the school by contributing items, volunteering and most importantly-come along on the day to do some Christmas Shopping! There will be plenty for everyone. There will be a super raffle, crafts made by your children, bric-a-brac, books, DVDs, CDs, toys with tea/coffee and home baking-all donations welcome. Please bring along home baking on the day/morning.

ST ANDREW'S DAY

Primary 5 classes will celebrate St Andrew's Day, on Thursday 28th November at 1.30pm.

Primary 5 parents/carers have been invited to come along; we hope you can manage and look forward to seeing you then. Primary 5 have been teaching children in Govan Family Learning Centre Scottish

Dancing and they will be joining us too.

There will be "Scottish" refreshments available afterwards



Parent Council Halloween Disco

Many thanks to the Parent Council and Pirie Park Staff for organizing a fun packed disco for P1-4 and P5-7. We look forward to your next event which will be a movie night on Tuesday 26 November at 6.30 pm.



School Improvement Plan 2019-20

We have identified our four School Improvement Plan priorities, directly linking to our own self-evaluation, the National Improvement Framework, Glasgow's Improvement Challenge and our Pupil Equity Funding.

Priorities for development:

1: Increased attainment in Literacy and

Numeracy

Decrease the attainment gap between the most and least advantaged children

Glasgow's Digital Literacy Strategy

Health and Wellbeing—Positive Behaviour Blueprint, staff meeting and greeting children at their class every morning.

There will be a warm welcome to Ms Gillian Campbell-Thow, Quality Improvement Officer who will be visiting our school on Monday 2 December and Friday 6 December to do a Validated Self Evaluation (VSE) of Learning and Teaching across the school. She will also be talking to groups of children asking them how well they feel they are supported to learn and achieve at Pirie Park. We welcome the feedback in due course.

Children as Leaders

CLASSES	ACTIVITY	DATE/TIME
P4-7 Classes	Class Library Visits with any parents who are able to come #FirstMinister'sReadingChallenge Elder Park Library	Week beginning 25th Nov. (letters have been sent home)
P1 & P7 children with Parental Consent	P1 and P7 Dental Inspections	Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th Nov.
Primary 5 & P5/GFLC Parents/Carers	P5 St Andrew's Day Celebration along with Govan Family Learning Centre children #partnership	Thursday 28th November 2019 9.30am
All children	School Christmas Card design entries to be handed in	Thursday 28th November 2019
School Closure	In-service Day <i>No children at school on this day</i>	Friday 29th November 2019
Quality Insurance Visit	The school will have a two day validated self-evaluation (VSE) taking place with regards to learning and teaching.	Monday 2nd December 2019 Friday 6th December 2019
CHOIR and the whole of the Govan Community	Christmas Musical Concert	Thursday 5th December 2019 @7 pm
P1 and 2 children P1 and 2 Parents/Carers	<p>"The Innkeeper's Breakfast" Christmas Celebration/Nativity in the school hall. <i>*Some of our local nurseries and visitors from Glasgow's Old People Welfare Association will join us at the performance on Monday 9th December</i> N.B. Packed lunches for all in order to use the assembly hall on Wednesday 11th December.</p>	Monday 9th December 2019 <i>*Morning performance 10.15 am</i> Wednesday 11th December 2019 <i>Morning Performance 10.00am Afternoon performance 1.30pm</i>
Whole School & Parents/Carers	<p>School Christmas Fayre; please make donations to the raffles, home baking and used toys, books, CDs, DVDs, bric-a-brac and come along and support the children!</p> <p>N.B. Packed lunches for all in order to use the assembly hall where our parent council will serve tea/coffee & baking ☺</p>	Friday 13th December 2019 1.00-2.45pm
CHOIR	GOVAN LOVES CHRISTMAS Christmas lights switch on, Govan Cross; Pirie Park Choir singing, Fireworks, Christmas Market and Pipe Band.	Wednesday 4th December, evening 3.15-6.00pm approx.
School Closure	General Election—School Closed to children	Thursday 12th December 2019
Whole School	Christmas Parties; children should come to school dressed in their party clothes, thanks.	P1&2 & 3 Monday 16th December
Whole School	Fuel Zone School Christmas Lunch, £1.90 as usual.	Tuesday 10th December 2019
Whole School	Christmas Assembly; Linthouse St Kenneth's Church, Skipness Drive 9.30 am	Tuesday 17th December 2019 @ 9.30 am
Whole School	Christmas Science Shows for all classes	Wednesday 18th December 2019
Whole School	Winter Break/Christmas Holidays STOP SCHOOL RETURN Monday 6th January 2020 at 9.00am	Thursday 19th December 2019 at 2.30pm
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