



## Moorfoot Primary School, Moorfoot Nursery Class and Garvel Deaf Centre



### Weekly information leaflet Week Beginning 9<sup>th</sup> December

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**Moorfoot Primary is a Nut Free Zone!** - Some children are bringing nut products into school. Please make sure your child does not bring snacks or packed lunch items containing nuts to school E.g. Nutella, Bueno bars, Reece peanut pots etc. We have pupils who attend our school with very severe nut allergies. Thank you for your support.



**Staff Car Park** - The staff car park is for use by staff, visiting services and disabled badge holders only. Please do not bring your car into the carpark for drop off and pick up. A big thank you to all parents and visitors who have been adhering to this request. **Thank you!**



**Unofficial One Way System** - We operate an unofficial one way system (up Moorfoot Drive and down Firth Crescent). We would be grateful if you could please follow this advice to assist with congestion and pupil safety. Thank you for your support.

### Newsletter, Website, Twitter & Facebook

**Newsletters:** These are issued for school & **Nursery pupils** via e-mail every Friday afternoon and uploaded to our website. Purple Newsletter Return Sheets issued on a Friday for Return on a Monday by both school & **Nursery pupils**.



**Website:** Please take time to look at our school website <http://moorfoot.inverclyde.sch.uk/> It is being regularly updated with photos

(school & **nursery**) in class pages, useful information, planned events and activities.



**TWITTER:** You can also keep up to date with school news and photographs on our school TWITTER account @MoorfootPr. Some classes & **Nursery** also have their own twitter accounts which you are invited to join.

**Facebook:** We have a private Facebook account which is a closed group to parents/carers of pupils attending Moorfoot Primary School and **Nursery Class**.

**Please note we encourage positive comments on our school Facebook. If you have any concerns or issues regarding the school we would ask you contact the Head Teacher by [telephone/email](#) or through your purple newsletter return. We thank you in anticipation of your support**

### Documents enclosed / to be returned:

- **Nursery AM & PM Parents issued with Garden Centre trip consents - Please ensure they are returned on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. Thank you**

## Week Beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019

PLEASE NOTE IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS, ITEMS RELATING TO THE NURSERY CLASS ONLY ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW. FOLLOWING PARENTAL FEEDBACK, ANY TRIPS OR OCCASIONS WHEN PUPILS WILL BE LEAVING THE SCHOOL BUILDING, WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED IN TURQUOISE. **IMPORTANT: PLEASE SEE NOTE BELOW RE NUT FREE SCHOOL**

Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ 5.45pm: Ecumenical Service in Old Gourock &amp; Ashton Church. Choir members to meet Miss Greenwood at 5.45pm for 6pm service. Family and friends are invited to stay for this lovely Christmas service.</li></ul>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <del>8.45am - 9am: Yoga in the hall for interested P1 - P7 pupils.</del> NOW FINISHED FOR THIS TERM.</li><li>➤ Please check the balance of your ParentPay account &amp; top up if required.</li><li>➤ Please sign and return your child's lilac newsletter return <b>today</b>. <b>Nursery &amp; School</b></li><li>➤ Bus slips to be completed for the week &amp; given to class teacher every Monday at registration. Any changes to be made to the office prior to 2.30pm. Thank you.</li><li>➤ <b>Show Costumes:</b> Please ensure any items that pupils need for their costumes have been handed in by today as dress rehearsal is Tuesday morning. Thank you.</li><li>➤ P7 Brass Tuition in afternoon with Mr Hutcheson.</li><li>➤ Violin tuition in afternoon.</li><li>➤ 6.40pm - 8pm: P6 &amp; P7 Parent Council Badminton Club. £1 charge per week.</li></ul>
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ 7.45am - 8.45am: Breakfast Club.</li><li>➤ Dress Rehearsal in AM</li><li>➤ <b>All Day: Garvel pupils to King's Theatre for signed Panto, Jack and the Beanstalk.</b></li><li>➤ <del>Vocal Coaching with Mrs Beek.</del> CANCELLED until after Christmas.</li><li>➤ Drop in Lunchtime Maths Help Club for all pupils (Tues this week instead of Mon).</li><li>➤ <del>3-4pm: P5-7 Athletic team training</del> - Now finished for this term.</li></ul>
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>9am: Nursery AM Garden Centre Visit.</b></li><li>➤ P1 &amp; P2 Lunchtime Choir</li><li>➤ 10am: 1<sup>st</sup> of our 3 Christmas Shows. Doors will open at 9.30am for tea &amp; coffee prior to the show. Ticket event only.</li><li>➤ <b>12.30pm: Nursery PM Garden Centre Visit.</b></li></ul>
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ 7.45am - 8.45am: Breakfast Club.</li><li>➤ 11.30am - 12.15pm: Pupils will be having an early lunch due to the school show.</li><li>➤ 1.30pm: 2<sup>nd</sup> of our 3 Christmas Shows. Doors will open at 1pm for tea &amp; coffee prior to the show. Ticket event only.</li><li>➤ 3-4pm: P3-7 Choir - <b>LAST DAY OF CHOIR FOR THIS TERM.</b></li></ul>
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ 11.30am - 12.15pm: Pupils will be having an early lunch due to the school show.</li><li>➤ 1.30 - 2.30pm: <del>BSL Club for parents with Paul our BSL tutor.</del> CANCELLED DUE TO SCHOOL SHOW.</li><li>➤ 1.30pm: 3<sup>rd</sup> of our 3 Christmas Shows. Doors will open at 1pm for tea &amp; coffee prior to the show. Ticket event only.</li><li>➤ <del>P6 Brass Tuition with Mr Hutcheson.</del> CANCELLED DUE TO SCHOOL SHOW.</li></ul>

### Newsletter Working Group

We are looking to update our newsletter and would value your feedback. A separate e-mail has been sent with a link to a questionnaire. Please click on the link in the e-mail to answer a few short questions on how you could help us improve on this method of communication.



We are also keen to establish a short term working group to look at this area after the Christmas holidays. The group would meet during the school day between the times of 10am until 1pm. Please let us know if you would be available or interested in taking part. This can be done at the end of the form.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Future Dates	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Rehearsal for Christmas Show. PM children who are main parts to arrive at Nursery at 9.30am for 1 hr rehearsal.
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 19	School Christmas Lunch
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 19	Nursery Christmas Show at 10.45am for all AM & PM Nursery children. PM children to arrive at 10.15am. Finish time approx. 11.30am.
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 19	Childrens' Christmas Shop
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec 19	AM: Christmas Service for staff and pupils. PM: School Talent Show - organised by P7 Group.
CHOIR ACTIVITIES	Please see table below for dates of all the choir activities. Letter issued on 21/11/19 to all Choir members about Ecumenical Service.

### Week 1 Lunches - w/b 9<sup>th</sup> December

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Starter	Homemade soup	Homemade soup	Homemade soup	Homemade soup	Melon
Option 1 (Red)	Italiano Chicken with potatoes	Sausages in gravy with mash potato	Chicken curry with rice	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fish and Chips
Option 2 (Blue)	Macaroni Cheese(v)	Quorn Burrito wrap(v)	Homemade Cheese and tomato pizza(v)	Fish fingers with mash potato	Beef Burger in a bun
Option 3 (Yellow)	Ham Sandwich	Ham Panini	Tuna Wrap	Cheese Toastie(v)	Cheese Sandwich(v)
Baked Potato (Green)	Various fillings				
Served daily	Seasonal Vegetables, Fresh Fruit and Salad Bar				
Dessert	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt Shortbread	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt Iced sponge	Fruity Friday Yoghurt

### Breakfast Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7.45 - 8.45am. There is a charge of £1 per child (to paid via ParentPay). Pupils in receipt of free school meals or clothing grants do not have to pay.

Please note that only those children who are purchasing breakfast or in receipt of free meals / clothing grants may use the Breakfast Club facility. This is in keeping with all other schools across the authority.

**The door for breakfast club is accessed by walking round the playground to the rear decked playground. Do not walk from the carpark behind the kitchen for safety reasons. There are cars moving and regular deliveries. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.**

### School Lunch Menu

Please be aware that school lunch menus are subject to change at short notice. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES W/B 9<sup>th</sup> DEC 2019

### BEFORE SCHOOL

### LUNCHTIMES

### AFTER SCHOOL

As we require registers for the after school clubs it is important you let us know your child will be attending in your newsletter return. It is also important the school office is informed if your child will be unable to attend on any day they are due to attend. Thanks.

### Drop in club Maths help Club - Monday Lunchtimes 12.50 - 1.15pm

Please see note below for further information

Tues this week

### P6 & P7 Parent Council Badminton Club - Monday evenings P6 & P7 from 6.40 - 8pm.

### P1 & P2 Choir - Wed lunchtimes

Infant Choir for boys & girls from P1 & P2 will be held after pupils have had their lunch.

### P3-7 Choir - Thursdays 3-4pm

Choir open to all P3 to P7 pupils. as Miss Greenwood is on a course.

The last day for choir will be 12<sup>th</sup> December.

# It's Christmas Time!

## Christmas Choir Activities

We would be grateful for parent helpers to accompany Miss Greenwood & the Choir for the following activities. Please let us know if you are available. Thank you.

- ✚ **Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 5.45pm** - Ecumenical Service for P3-7 choir members.
- ✚ **Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 11.10am - 12.20pm:** P3-5 Carol Singing at Tesco, Greenock. Please pop along to hear the children sing & let family & friends know too.
- ✚ **Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 11.20 - 1.10pm:** P6 & P7 choir singing at IBM - Sandwiches and crisps will be provided for lunch by IBM.
- ✚ **Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.25pm - 2.30pm:** P3-7 Choir will be singing at the newly re-opened McLean Museum. We would like to invite as many family and friends as possible to go along to the museum to hear the children sing from 1.45pm - 2.15pm.

## Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated items of food for our Christmas hamper raffle. We will be raffling the hampers at the 3 Christmas shows. Tickets will be available for £1 per strip.



## Christmas Parties

**Children are welcome to wear their party clothes to school all day on the day of their party if they wish.**

- ❖ Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December PM: Primary 2 & 3 Year Groups.
- ❖ Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December PM: Primary 4 & 5 Year Groups.
- ❖ Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December AM: AM Nursery Class.
- ❖ Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December PM: PM Nursery Class.
- ❖ Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December PM: P6 & P7 Year Groups.
- ❖ Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December PM: Primary 1 Year Group.



## "Reindeer Poo" - Chocolate Raisins / Honeycomb

Pupils will be selling "Reindeer Poo" at break times for 50p per bag, raising money for school funds.



## Parent Council Children's Christmas Pop-Up Shop - Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 19.

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, each class will have the opportunity to visit the Parent Council Pop-Up shop. There will be a range of small gifts for sale for £1.50, £2 or £3 per item. Each child is able to purchase one gift (e.g. for mum, dad, grampa or aunt) and it will then be gift wrapped for them so that they can bring it home. If there are any items remaining after each class has visited, children may be able to buy one further item,

If you would like your child to visit the Christmas shop, please send them to school with between £1.50-£3 on Thursday. All money raised will go back into school funds. Parent volunteers will be on hand to assist younger children and to make sure they are all nicely wrapped and labelled.

## Rights of the Week

Moorfoot Primary recently received their **GOLD** Award for being a Rights Respecting School. We would like you all to learn a little bit about rights therefore each week you will be able to read about the "Right of the Week". Discuss this as a family and ensure you all understand what it means.

**Article 13:** You have the right to find out things and share what you think with others, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people.

## Our School Learning Blog

Would you like to know more about the way we teach literacy and numeracy? Would you like to watch a bedtime story read by one of our fabulous teachers? Would you like our pupils to explain our homework policy? All of this and much more is available here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/learningatmoorfootprimary/>

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

As in previous years, assemblies will be undertaken by year groups as opposed to individual classes. This session we are promoting International Education. As well as BSL we study two other languages, French from P1 to P7 and Spanish from P5 - P7. For this reason year groups will present assemblies based on the language and culture of French and Spanish speaking countries.

Coffee and tea will be served between 9am and 9.25am prior to the assemblies starting at 9.30am.

DATES	COUNTRY / LANGUAGE	YEAR GROUP
31 <sup>st</sup> January	Spain / Spanish	P6
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Canada / French	P2
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Switzerland / French	P4
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Belgium / French	P3

## MOORFOOT MONTHLY PARENTAL "MEET UPS" - Everyone Welcome.

**This parent group will meet on the last Wednesday of every month from 2.30pm - 3pm.** Everyone welcome. Come along for a cuppa and a chat with other parents and find out how you can support your child's learning. Please report to the school reception.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

## RECOGNISING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT: PARENTAL REQUEST

**Please keep sending us your photos and stories. We love to hear about our pupils' successes and put them on our school website!**

One of the 4 contexts for learning is "opportunities for personal achievement".

Your child may take part in Brownies, Ice Skating, Football Team, Athletics, Gymnastics, Dance Clubs, etc. Your child may also have special interests or talents which the school does not know about. We would like to find out! Does your child like "baking" or "gardening"? There may be important skills which your child has which we have not been aware of or have recognised.

We would like to display our pupils' achievements in the school and celebrate the children's successes at our Friday Assemblies.

Simply send an e-mail to [inmoorfoot@glowscotland.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:inmoorfoot@glowscotland.onmicrosoft.com) with a photograph, if available, attached. Otherwise simply write your child's achievement on your purple newsletter return sheet and we will take a photograph in school. Thank you



## Pupil Achievements 6/12/19



**Well  
Done**

**Krish & Ross  
were given  
the  
"Coaches  
Award"  
each, for  
playing well  
the whole  
season,  
from Port  
Glasgow  
Juniors at  
their recent  
awards  
ceremony.**

**Fantastic  
Achievement  
boys**