

# Hythehill Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

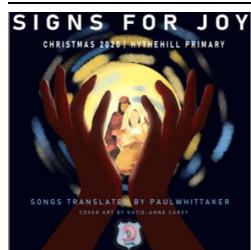
Please find attached to this letter an update of the Parent Guide and Learner Tip Guide. Please note the additionals are in **red**.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAY



The school Christmas lunch will be on **FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**. Children are asked to wear a Christmas jumper on this day to add to the festivities for a suggested donation of a £1. All monies raised will go to Action for Children.

## P1-7 SIGN FOR JOY NATIVITY



We have finished recording all the parts for our Christmas DVD. Please complete your order form as soon as possible and return it to the school with the correct monies. Thank you  
Please click on the link to see a trailer  
<https://youtu.be/4ICh0218Cqw>

## CHRISTMAS MOVIES



Christmas movies start on **WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** with Primary 6. All movies are in the afternoon. The children are asked to bring party clothes into school

and then change after their lunch. We are not encouraging children to go home for lunch on their movie day due to reducing the footfall in and out of the school grounds.

P1 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
P2 – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
P3 – Thursday 10 December  
P4 – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
P5 – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
P6 – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
P7 – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

We continue to have ongoing unacceptable behaviour from some children. We would really appreciate it if you would reinforce with your children the need for **RESPECT** for all – fellow pupils, staff and other parents at the school gate. The Movie afternoons are a treat organised and arranged by the teachers. If any child persists in showing a lack of respect or does not uphold the school values, they will not attend their year group movie afternoon, alternative arrangements will be put in place. I hope that as school and home work together so that such consequences can be avoided.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS



Cards are to be handed into the class box this week. They will be sent home on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

## DANGEROUS BEHAVIOUR

It has been brought to my attention by several parents, that a number of older children are playing a very dangerous game of 'Chicken' with the cars around the South Covesea gate (P4-7) gate. This involvesumping out in front of cars. Please talk to your child about the dangers of playing such a game and the upset it causes the drivers in that area.



## GIFTS, ADVENT and MORAY FOOD PLUS

**MORAY FOOD PLUS** Following communication with Moray Council and discussions with local schools, and given the financial restrictions some families are facing, we are asking that teacher gifts are not given into school this year. If you wish to mark this occasion we encourage you to make a donation to Moray Food Plus, as the Lossiemouth Community Council are working with them this year to provide hampers for many families in Lossiemouth. Thank you.

## KEEPING SAFE DURING COVID-19



We continue to maintain a vigilance at all times for the symptoms of COVID-19 at Hythehill. We will follow the guidance from <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>

You will also have received an update of the processes followed by the Moray Council and NHS Grampian Public Health when an outbreak is detected in a school environment.

**Do not** send your child to school if they have:

- a continuous cough
- fever/high temperature
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

If your child displays any of these symptoms, is unwell in school, or informs a staff member that they feel unwell with symptoms of Covid-19, you will be contacted immediately to collect them. Please ensure that the school has the correct contact details for you at all times.

It would be preferable that any adult from their household picks them up and not a grandparent. Please ensure you **do not** send your child to school unwell. I have a care of duty to look after all the staff and pupils at Hythehill.

## HEATING AND VENTILATION



The school continues to follow the Moray Council guidance issued and this is also reflected in the new posters and is attached in the guidance for parents and children.

## CAR PARK



Please **DO NOT** use the staff and visitors' car park for picking up or dropping off children. This is applicable to school and nursery parents and carers. Staff have priority parking at all times.

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## UNIFORM

There are no further changes to uniform expectations at this time - a white polo shirt, blue school sweatshirt/cardigan with dark joggers/leggings and trainers. During the colder months, please make sure your children are wearing extra layers and are prepared for weather changes – coat, waterproofs, wellies, hat, scarf and gloves.

## REMINDERS

- Children should only bring a water bottle, snack, packed lunch (if not having a school lunch), gym shoes, art t-shirt and coat (which can be stored in their bag)
- Inhalers and hand gel will be kept in their individual trays
- Children do not require pencil cases, mobile phones or any other items

## ADVERSE WEATHER

 It is getting to that time of the year and I would like to remind you that school closure information can be found on the Moray Council website [www.schoolclosures.moray.gov.uk/](http://www.schoolclosures.moray.gov.uk/), on Moray Firth Radio and on the school's telephone information line. Should the school ever need to close during the school day, parents will be informed by text message where possible; therefore please ensure that the school has an up to date mobile and email contact for your child/ren. Thank you

When severe weather warnings are received we will endeavour to keep the telephone information line updated. Please note there this is an 0870 service and that there is a charge. Calls to this number will be charged at 2p per minute plus your call provider's access charge.

1. Dial 0870 054 9999
2. Enter PIN number: 031270
3. You will get a message: "You have selected Hythehill Primary School"

You will be presented with a set of options:

Press 1 – to hear severe weather information

Press 2 – to leave a non-urgent message

Press 3 – to hear general school information

Press 4 – to enter a different school PIN number

Press 5 - to end the call.

On mornings when the weather is particularly poor, I would kindly ask that you drop your children off no earlier than 8.50am. I would also like to remind children to wrap up warm, and if necessary pop a change of joggers in their bag if they do not have waterproof trousers etc.

We are unable to have gatherings in the hall at this time, and due to union regulations and teacher contracts, their working day commences at 8.55am and so children cannot be unsupervised in the classrooms. I am looking at alternatives and if I can find one, I will communicate this immediately.

## LAST DAY

The last day of term will be on **FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** for Primary 1-7. They will all finish at the usual time of 3.00pm. ALL children will leave via the Infant doors. **School will reopen on TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020** for all children.

## LIFE AROUND THE SCHOOL



## CHRISTMAS at HYTHEHILL

