



## November 2020

### Welcome to our November Newsletter

Preparations for Christmas are already underway. Although we continue to operate under restrictions due to Covid- 19, it is hoped, that with a few well -planned adjustments, children will enjoy what is always a very special time in school.

This newsletter will provide you with advance notice of some of the festive activities taking place throughout December.

### Christmas Post

Mrs Holmes and the children in P1 have created a Class Post Office and will be responsible for the Christmas Post this year. In order to assist in managing the post safely we have two dates when Christmas cards for school friends can be brought in for posting. Cards will remain untouched for a period of 72 hours before being distributed. The dates for Christmas Post are Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Pantomime

This year we have booked an online pantomime ‘Treasure Island’ for children from Early Years to P7 to enjoy during week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be served on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Menu to follow next week.

### Christmas Parties

This year we plan to hold individual class parties in the afternoon of the following dates:

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December- P7/6

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December- Primary 3/2

Monday 21st December- Primary 5/4

Tuesday 22nd December- Primary 1

Tuesday 22nd December- Early Years Class

In order to avoid children travelling home at lunchtime to change for parties, children should come to school in party clothes.

### Christmas Hamper

We intend to hold our annual Children’s Christmas Hamper Raffle. The staff team will donate items for the Hamper and tickets (50p) will go on sale week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December with proceeds going towards our School Fund.

## **Charity News**

### **Children in Need**

Well done to the P1 Enterprise Group for organising the recent Children in Need fundraiser. A super £88.00 has been raised. Thank you for your generous support.

### **Blythswood Shoebox Appeal**

Thank you for your generosity and support in respect of the recent Shoebox Appeal; an excellent effort from our families. Please see attached letter from Ann Tyler for more details.

### **Christmas Jumper Day 11<sup>th</sup> December**

The Enterprise Group have arranged a Christmas Jumper Day (Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December) to raise funds for Save the Children. Pupils Early Years to P7 can wear Christmas Jumpers for a £1.00 donation.

### **Christmas Movie Afternoon**

The afternoon of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Movie afternoon with children voting for their favourite movie. We will attempt to ensure selections have a Universal Certificate. If a movie has a PG Certificate we will of course seek parental consent.

### **Family Challenge**

We would like to get our families into the festive spirit by participating in a Christmas Family Challenge. We would like you to create a Christmas decoration that can hang on your tree, door, or wall; the choice is yours! Rather than bringing your completed decoration into school, we would like you to take a photograph of it and post it on our Twitter page below the **dedicated post** for this challenge, at @FairliePS. Alternatively, you can post your photograph on Teams. Please have all entries submitted by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December where we will look at all the entries and choose a winning decoration to receive a prize! Happy decorating!

### **Rights Respecting Schools Award**

We are very pleased to share with you our recently awarded second stage of UNICEF UK's Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA). The Silver Award is achieved by schools that make excellent progress towards embedding the principles of the UN Convention and the Rights of the Child into its ethos and curriculum. Congratulations to all the children, staff and parents who have contributed to this achievement.

### **Christmas Holidays**

Please note school closes on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 2.30 p.m. Children return to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### **And Finally**

Should you have an enquiry, or even just a niggle, please do contact us. It is only by sharing your concern that we can try to resolve it.

### **Remember to follow us on Twitter.**

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher

