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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's exactly one month today until Christmas Eve!

The children are very excited about the festive period and have already been asking when they can wear their Christmas jumpers...like last year we are happy for Christmas jumpers/dresses/shirts/head-boppers/ties etc. any day in December, I think we all need the sparkle!

Please read on for an update on Christmas activities including our Christmas enterprise day, Christmas lunch and Christmas party/fun days.

### **Panto**

We were disappointed to hear we could not attend a live Panto this year however in true school form the show must go on! We have now booked a virtual Panto '**Aladdin – 3 Wishes, 2 Vaccines, and a Genie!**', which we are all excited to watch in class.

### **Parties**

Despite restrictions, last year's party format proved to be a huge success so this year will follow suit. Each class will have their own fun day/party with activities and treats in class and in the hall throughout the day. Treats and party prizes will again be provided by our super PC/PTA.

Again, being mindful of Covid19 mitigations in schools, children should arrive at school wearing 'party clothes' ready for a full day of activities. Please bear in mind children like time to run around outside so they will still be out to play at playtime and lunchtime, unless it is raining heavily; clothes should be suitable for the weather.

### **Christmas Lunch**

This year's Christmas lunch has been moved to **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. A text message has been sent asking you to indicate your child's choice of either turkey, steak pie or a vegetarian vegetable parcel, this is to allow the kitchen to order the correct quantities of butcher meat. You will still be required to order your child's lunch week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> December using iPayimpact.

### **Christmas Performances**

Our creative classes and their teachers have been working on a festive performance which will be shared with you via SeeSaw.

Like last year, the link will be to a private YouTube channel where you can view your child's performance. Please do not share the link. Please contact the office if you don't want your child to participate.

### **Christmas Enterprise**

As we are unable to have a traditional Christmas fayre every class was given a £20 enterprise startup fund by the PC/PTA. Classes have been doing their market research and are now busy creating Christmas craft including decorations and bracelets as well as organising activities such as guess the teddy's birthday. Each class is hoping to make a profit to spend as they wish on a class treat, activity or resource.

Children will be given the opportunity to purchase items from their own class and from the other classes, as well as an opportunity to visit the chocolate tombola on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**.

Items, including the tombola will cost between 50p-£1. **Please do not send in notes, please send loose change.**

### **PC/PTA Christmas Raffle**

Our PC/PTA have organised an amazing Christmas raffle with fantastic prizes. Please see the parent Facebook page for details on how to buy tickets.

### **Children's Christmas Raffle**

Our staff have organised a children's raffle with new toys/gifts. Children can purchase raffle tickets on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December with the draw taking place that same day. Tickets will cost 50p.

### **IQ Christmas Cards**

A huge thank you to everyone who ordered cards or other items from IQ cards. You raised £465.30 for school funds. Thank you to everyone who made this possible including the PC/PTA and of course our wonderfully talented designers aka the children!

### **Irvine Old Parish Church Recital**

Glebe have always had a close working relationship with the local Church. Sadly, the school is not able to attend a church service this Christmas, however an open invite is extended to all Glebe families to go along on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December, to join the church for a music recital. In recognition of difficult times the church has also raised money for school funds, to be used to benefit families who may be experiencing financial difficulties.

### **Christmas Holidays**

Glebe Primary will close on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Traditionally we close at 2.30pm for the Christmas holidays, however we must stagger our entry and exit. The times for the last day are as follows:

P1	8.50am-2.20pm
P2, P2/3 and P3	8.55am-2.25pm
P4	9.00am-2.30pm
P5	8.50am-2.20pm
P6	8.55am-2.25pm
P7	9.00am-2.30pm

We look forward to everyone returning safe and well on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

In partnership

Elaine McNeil  
Head Teacher  
Glebe Primary

## **Glebe Primary dates for November and December 2021**

### **NOVEMBER**

- 'Be Bright Be Seen' day for Junior Road Safety-wear something bright-Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November
- Wear something Scottish/tartan - St. Andrews day Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

### **DECEMBER**

- PTA/PC Fundraiser Fun Day- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December
- Loose Parts Outdoor Learning sessions with Operations Outdoor Play  
6-10<sup>th</sup> December (class days to follow)
- Christmas Lunch- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas raffles- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December
- P6 Christmas party- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December
- P5 Christmas party- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December
- P4 Christmas party- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- P1, P2, P3/2 and P3 Christmas parties- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Santa to visit the infant department.
- P7 Christmas party- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December
- Mrs. Law and Mrs. McAdam retire- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December
- Early finish- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

### **JANUARY**

- Pupils and staff return Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January

\*Themed/dress up days are optional. Children who do not wish to participate or who are more comfortable wearing school uniform can do so.