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GLEBE PRIMARY

NOVEMBER AND
DECEMBER INFORMATION



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Dear Parents/Carers,

With only 5 weeks until Christmas I thought it would be useful to share some important information about the next few weeks. We will continue to provide updates and texts, which I know busy families find helpful, and if you need any further information please contact the office.

We look forward to seeing you all at tonight's Learning Conversation.

Best wishes

Elaine McNeil

Learning Conversation

We hope to see you and your child at tonight's Learning Conversation. Whilst we understand emergencies do occur, we would hope that most families would prioritise attending the preset appointments given.

While you are here please take a few minutes to complete our annual digital school survey which our P7s are facilitating. If you are unable to complete the survey tonight don't worry we will send the link to all families tomorrow. Your feedback is very important to us and we hope to get a good number of responses.

Industrial Action and Free School Lunches

Please note the school is closed to pupils on Thursday 24th November due to a planned day of Industrial action by teaching unions.

A packed lunch is available for children in receipt of free school meals from the school kitchen between 11am and 1pm.

Please enter the playground and follow the path at the staff carpark side of the building. The catering staff will be handing out the lunches from their door.

Be Bright Be Seen!

Friday is a North Ayrshire's Road Safety Awareness Day. If children wish, they can wear bright clothes or something reflective e.g. wristband. Please do not go to any trouble buying something new. Friday's assembly will discuss the importance of road safety in winter.

Festive Wear

To spread Christmas cheer our Glebies are permitted to wear festive clothes throughout December, this has become a popular tradition at Glebe and there is no cost/donation associated with this.

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Children (and staff) can participate with wearing something as simple as a Christmas scrunchie/hat/head bopper or can go full Christmas crazy with Christmas dresses/jumpers/shirts. Children can do this once or every day in December.

If you have any party clothes or festive wear that your children have outgrown please donate these to the school and we will make sure these are available for families who need them.

Christmas Fayre

Our children are busy with their world of work enterprise topic and thank the many parents/carers who have come in to the classes to talk about their work.

Business plans have been set up and CEOs chosen! Miss Melrose will letter families with further information.

Please come along to the fayre on Friday 2nd December from 2pm. All money raised goes back to the school providing children with trips and activities throughout the year.

Cinema Trip

As we are unable to go to a Pantomime this year due to rising costs we have instead arranged a visit to the cinema to see a Christmas film. Children will travel to and from Kilmarnock by coach which will depart from the school at approximately 9.30 a.m. and return for 1 p.m. to have lunch.

- P1-3 will attend on Tuesday 13th December.
- P4-7 will attend on Thursday 15th December.

Please see letters in school bags for further information and please sign the consent form if you wish your child to attend.

School Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 10th December. The options are steak pie, turkey or vegetable plait. Families can order in the usual way via ipayimpact. Our super sevens will be waiters/waitresses for the day so the children can sit and enjoy lunch with their friends.

Old Parish Singalong

We are very fortunate to receive wonderful support from our community partners at the Irvine Old parish Church. As well as visiting the church for school events the congregation regularly provide financial support to the school,

The organist is holding a festive concert and sing-along at 3:30pm on Sunday, 18th December. Tickets are £5 and part of the proceedings will be added to the church "Support the School Fund", which is to offer financial help to Glebe Primary. Mr Wilson and I will be in attendance to thank the congregation for their support. We look forward to seeing some of our families in attendance too.

Christmas Parties

Another Glebe tradition started during covid is the department party/activity day with treats provided by the PTA/PC. Children should arrive wearing party clothes for a fun filled day with Christmas activities, treats and party games/dances in the hall with their class or stage.

- P1-3 Monday 19th December. (Surprise Santa visit with gifts-Shhhhh)
- P4, P4/5 & P5 Tuesday 20th December.
- P6 Wednesday 21st December.
- P7 Thursday 22nd December.

Please remember children will be outside at break and lunch times so we ask for your support to ensure clothes are suitable for cold weather.

Infant Nativity and Church Service

Please join us on Friday 23rd December for our Christmas service featuring our infant department Nativity. As per our P7 Leaver service in June, we will allocate the seats at the front section of the Church for families and the children will sit at the sides. There is further seating for families upstairs. The service will start at the later than normal time of 10am, to give us time to get lots of little children dressed.

Staff Gifts

This time of year family finances can be strained, this year even more than usual. Our staff very much enjoy their jobs, they do not expect Christmas gifts and we do not want families to feel they should purchase gifts. If your child would like to thank a particular member of staff then a letter or a drawing would be much appreciated. Last year some classes donated items to the NAC foodbank appeal rather than purchasing staff gifts - this was very successful and we are happy to facilitate this again this year.

Final Thought

I hope you find the information useful. Please get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Thank you for your continued support.

In partnership

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Glebe Primary School*