

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

School closes for the holidays on:

Friday 22 December at 2.30 pm.

School transport will be arranged for this time

School reopens on

Monday 8th January at 9.00 am.



*Everyone at St John Ogilvie Primary
and Early Years wishes you a very
blessed, peaceful and relaxing
Christmas.*

St John Ogilvie Primary Newsletter



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SENIOR PARISHIONERS

P7 pupils will also entertain senior parishioners of our parish in St John Ogilvie Church on **Tuesday 5th December 2.00- 2.45pm.** They will be accompanied by Mrs Goodwin and Mrs Bicket. *If there are any changes to the information on the walkabout consent form within walking distance of the school for the above visits, please contact the school and we will provide you with a new form.*



CHRISTMAS SHOW — NATIVITY '23

All our pupils are currently learning a Christmas song to retell the story of the first Christmas. Our school hall can only accommodate 120 guests per performance so we will have 2 performances at 9.30am on **Wednesday 13th December** and **Thursday 14th December 2023.** A letter will be sent home next week regarding ticket allocation. Due to the high number of families in our school we can only allocate 2 tickets per family over both performances. Please complete the ticket allocation form and return to the school office to avoid disappointment.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Traditionally all staff donate a food item to our Christmas Hamper and we raffle it off at the Christmas Show. Tickets will be sold at both shows at £1 per ticket. All money raised will be used to purchase resources for our pupils.



NUT ALLERGY

A reminder that we are a nut free school. We have 1 pupil with a nut allergy. In order to provide a safe environment for this pupil we require your continued support. We would ask that children do not bring nuts to school or any other items that contain nuts e.g. Reeces Peanut Bars, Snickers, Hazelnut chocolates etc. Please also take this into consideration when creating packed lunches. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please contact the school if you require any further information. Parent/Carer of this child are extremely grateful for your continued support.

P5 SCOTTISH DANCING

P5 pupils have been busy learning a variety of Scottish dances. All pupils will participate in the Day of Dance at the Portal on **Friday 24 November** in the morning. Consent letters have been issued. Please return any outstanding consent letters asap.



WATER BOTTLES

An increasing number of children who do not have a water bottle in school are requesting a plastic cup to fill with water when they are thirsty. We have issued free water bottles over the last year and we now have none left. We would be extremely grateful if you ensure that your child comes to school with a water bottle. Water coolers are located at the infant and senior open areas so that children have access to fresh drinking water throughout the day.





CAN YOU HELP?

Now that winter is with us there will no doubt be many days when the weather prevents the children going outside to play and they will have to stay indoors. At times like this it is always better if they have something to do to keep them occupied and happy. We are looking for the following games



- ★ Twister
- ★ Guess Who
- ★ Connect 4
- ★ Chess (Not glass pieces)
- ★ Mini table top pool table



If you have any of these games lying in a cupboard and would like to donate them to our rainy day boxes we are happy to receive them.

SICKNESS GUIDANCE

We would like to remind parents/carers that should your child experience any vomiting or diarrhoea then your child **MUST NOT come to school until 48 hours has passed from their last vomit or bowel movement.** For example: if your child vomits or has diarrhoea at 1pm on Sunday afternoon and then again at 3pm then your child cannot attend school until Wednesday morning. Your support will help us stop the spread of this virus in school.

SMOKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please note that smoking cigarettes and/ or vaping are not permitted on school grounds. Please be mindful of smoking at our school gate as our pupils are being dropped off and picked up.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

- ★ P1 - P3 Monday 18 December 1.30- 3.00pm
- ★ P6 - P7 Tuesday 19 December 1.30- 3.00pm
- ★ P4 - P5 Wednesday 20 December 1.30- 3.00pm

Children can come to school dressed for their party. Please note that your child will still need to wear an appropriate winter jacket and shoes for play and lunch intervals.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A traditional Christmas lunch will be served to pupils on **Wednesday 6th December.** Parents please note that this lunch is ordered via the letter sent home last week. St Mark's Catering Team require your child's choice so they can order their meats/ingredients from their suppliers. **In order to avoid upset please return your form by Monday 27th November.** Please do not use your child's iPayimpact account to order for this day only. Pupils may still bring a packed lunch if they prefer.

CHRISTMAS CINEMA TRIP P1 — P7

Arrangements have been made for the whole school to see the film 'Wonka' at The ODEON Kilmarnock on **Thursday 21st December 2023.** We will be leaving school at 9.15am. Consent forms have already been issued to pupils via schoolbag. Payment of the trip is via your child's iPayimpact account. Please contact the school office with regards to issues with payments.

On the day pupils should wear school uniform and Christmas type accessories if they wish e.g. Santa hat, etc. They may also bring juice and some sweets to eat during the performance. They will be responsible for carrying these by themselves. Please note that no glass bottles or fizzy juice are allowed.

