

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



# November/December 2023

#### Website:

https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/na/stjohnogilvieprimary/

Twitter: @SJOIrvine

Welcome to this month's newsletter. November is filled with many varied activities and December promises to be action packed as usual.

#### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

As you are aware our Parent Council

★ Fundraising Committee are busy

★ organising our Christmas Fayre which

★ will take place on Saturday 25

★ November in St John Ogilvie

★ Primary School at 11.00am.



Tickets are available to buy at the door on the day. If you have any chocolate donations or bottles for our stalls them please hand them into the school office. We are also looking for shop bought cakes and biscuits too. Why not pop along and have a browse at our many stalls. We would love for you to support our Parent Council's fundraising activities if you can.

#### **★ SMARTIES**

★ Thank you so much to those who returned their ★
★ Smarties tubes containing 20p pieces. The overall ★
★ amount raised will be in the next newsletter in January ★
★ 2024. If your child still has their Smarties tube at ★
★ home please return it this week even if it has not been ★
★ filled.



#### **HALLOWEEN DISCO**

A huge thank you to our Parent A huge thank you to our Parent Council Fundraising Committee for corganising a fantastic free disco for all our pupils. It was well attended with all children having a great time.

#### **★ PARKING**

We have had several phone calls complaining about parents/carers parking on the Zig Zag lines outside our school. Parking on Zig Zag Lines specifically obstructs visibility for parents/carers and children trying to cross the road and is thus highly dangerous. The Highway code Rule 238 states the following:

★ Keep entrance clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or ★ setting down children



In order to reduce congestion at our school entrance the ★ we request that parent/carers use the *Park and Stride* car ★ park over at the Bourtreehill shops. This will prevent ★ congestion at drop off and pick up times.

#### **★ BIKES AND SCOOTERS WITHIN SCHOOL GROUNDS**

An increasing number of adults are cycling their bikes and riding their scooters on school grounds when dropping off and picking up their children. Our policy of dismounting bikes and scooters apply to all. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

#### **HEAD LICE**

Please remember to examine your child's hair for lice on a regular basis and carry out treatment if necessary.

REMEMBER TO:

Take a Peek

Once a Week

#### **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



 $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ 

 $\stackrel{\wedge}{\boxtimes}$ 

 $\stackrel{\wedge}{\cancel{\sim}}$ 

 $\stackrel{\wedge}{\longrightarrow}$ 

 $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ 

 $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ 

 $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ 

☆

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 from 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, the etc. They may also bring juice and some sweets to eat the during the performance. They will be responsible for the carrying these by themselves. Please note that no glass the bottles or fizzy juice are allowed.