

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

School closes for the holidays on:

**Friday 20th December at 2.30 pm.**  
School transport will be arranged for this time

School reopens on

**Monday 6th 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



# December 2024

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**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

As you are aware our Parent Council Fundraising Committee are busy organising our Christmas Fayre which will take place on **Saturday 30th November 2024 between 11am and 2pm.**

Due to changes with School Lets the Fayre **WILL NOT TAKE PLACE IN THE SCHOOL.**

Please pop along to **St John Ogilvie Parish Church Hall and The Relief Parish Church Hall** to find a wide variety of stalls, Santa's Grotto, bouncy castle, fantastic raffle prizes, tea/coffee, home baking, chocolate and bottle stalls. Perfect opportunity for Christmas gift ideas!

**HALLOWEEN**

A huge thank you to our Parent Council for organising a fantastic free disco for all P4 - P7 pupils. It was well attended with all children having a great time.

We wish to thank all our staff in P1-P3 who organised a fun filled afternoon for our younger pupils in school. Again a huge thank you to our Parent Council for providing snacks, decorations and prizes.



**CHRISTMAS CINEMA TRIP P1 — P7**

In consultation with our pupils it was agreed that instead of a traditional Pantomime our pupils would prefer to attend our local cinema for a movie.

We have made arrangements for the whole school to see the animation film *The Grinch* at The ODEON Kilmarnock on **Wednesday 4th December 2024.**

We will be leaving school at 9.15am and we will return to school for lunch.

EV5 Consent forms will be issued to pupils via schoolbags in the next few weeks.

Payment of the trip is via your child's iPayImpact account. If you are having issues with your child's account then please speak to Mrs Lamberton or Mrs Gallacher at the school office. This is the same account that you pre- order your child's lunch.

The cost of the trip is **£14** per child. This includes the cinema ticket and transport. Our Parent Council have kindly agreed to pay part of the overall transport cost (£2000) and have donated **£880.** We are extremely grateful for their donation.

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. Please note that no glass bottles or fizzy juice allowed.





**YOUNG LEADERS OF LEARNING**

As a school we are committed to pupil voice. We wish to promote Article 12 of United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child. Article 12 states that every child has a right to have a say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.

We wish to participate in the Young Leaders of Learning Programme to help promote Article 12. Schools participating in this programme support their own self-evaluation and school improvement activities by involving learners in the process.

Our Young Leaders of learning (YLL) will work in partnership with St Mark's Primary School pupils and learn from each other. They will look at things that work well in each school and things that could be better. By talking, visiting and sharing information, our school and St Mark's Primary will be able to create a list of actions to make improvements.

Our Primary 6 pupils were invited to apply for the 4 posts of Young Leaders of Learning. We had 13 applicants and all pupils were put forward to be interviewed by our Primary 7 House Captains. It was a pleasure to watch our pupils confidently answer questions for this role. We were extremely proud of all pupils and it was a difficult decision to select only four!

Congratulations to the following Primary 6 pupils who will become our Young Leaders of Learning.

- April
- Cephas
- Dominic
- Bella Grace



**CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

<b>P1 &amp; P2/1</b>	<b>Friday 13th December</b>	<b>1.45pm - 2.50pm</b>
<b>P3</b>	<b>Monday 16th December</b>	<b>1.45pm - 2.50pm</b>
<b>P4</b>	<b>Tuesday 17th December</b>	<b>1.45pm - 2.50pm</b>
<b>P5/4</b>	<b>Wednesday 18th December</b>	<b>1.45pm - 2.50pm</b>
<b>P6</b>	<b>Thursday 19th December</b>	<b>1.45pm - 2.50pm</b>
<b>P7</b>	<b>Thursday 12th December</b>	<b>1.45pm - 2.50pm</b>

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 11th December**. Parents please note that this lunch is pre ordered via a form that will be **sent home in your child's school bag next 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 **Friday 22nd November 2024**.

Please do not use your child's iPayimpact account to order their lunch for that day. Our office staff will inform catering using your paper order form.

Pupils may still bring a packed lunch if they prefer.





## CHRISTMAS SHOW

### CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

All our pupils are currently practising their parts for our whole school performance. *Children of the World* is a charming Christmas musical about different festive customs around the world.

Our show will take place over 2 mornings:

**Tuesday 10th December**                      **9.30am**  
**Wednesday 11th December**              **9.30am**

Due to the high number of families in our school we can only allocate 2 tickets per family over both performances.

We will ask parents/carers to complete a paper order form for tickets. Please return this form by **Friday 29th November 2024**.

#### **Please note:**

- If younger siblings are attending the show then please ensure that they sit on an adult's lap or include them in your ticket allocation if you wish them to have a seat.
- We further request that prams/buggies are left in the school foyer during performances due to limited space in the hall.

## 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.

## CHRISTMAS MASS

We will be attending St John Ogilvie Church for our Christmas Mass on **Tuesday 17th December at 10am**. If you are able to volunteer to support us with this mass then please call the school and leave a message for Mrs McGuire who will be delighted with your support.

## 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.

## BIKES AND SCOOTERS WITHIN SCHOOL GROUNDS

An increasing number of pupils are not dismounting their scooters or bikes as they enter the school grounds. We would request that all adults remind their children that they must walk their scooter or bike to the bike shed as soon as they enter the school grounds. The gradient of our path is steep and pupils are descending the path with increasing speed. This is dangerous during our busy drop off times. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

