Clarkston Primary School

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1st December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to remind you the PTA will be hosting a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 1st of December. The doors will open at 11am and close at 1.30pm. There will be a range of visiting craft stalls as well as the traditional favourites such as raffles, tombola, kids' lucky dip, glitter tattoos, bottle stall and home baking. Come along and relax with a cup of coffee and delicious home baking and don't forget to pay a visit to Santa's Grotto before you go!

Pupils are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers, along with their normal school uniform, to school from Monday 10th December until the end of this term.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you **school closes at 2.30pm on Friday 22nd December and reopens at 9am on Monday 7th January**. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a healthy and happy 2019.

Staffing

Best wishes to Mrs Kinnaird who starts a Senior Clerical post in a different school in January. I am hoping the vacancy will be filled soon.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch is on Tuesday 11th December. Please ensure orders are returned to school as soon as possible to ensure your child is included in the festive lunch. Pupils are invited to wear Christmas hat/jumpers/badges along with their school uniform to add a festive feel to the day.

School Concert

The pupils are busy preparing for the school concert which is on the morning and evening of Wednesday 12th December 2018 (10am and 7pm). Pupils from B4, B6, B7, B10, NQ, M1 and M2 will be performing.

Wednesday Morning Performance

Pupils should come to school as normal and report to their class at 9am when the bell rings. Entry to the concert for parents/carers, friends and family will be via the **Main Entrance only**. Doors will open at 9.45am and only those with a ticket will be permitted entry. **School lunch will be 12.30-1.15pm (B1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, NQ and M1) and 12.45-1.30pm (B2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and M2) on this date.**

Wednesday Evening Performance

Pupils should come to school for **6.40pm on the Wednesday evening**. They should enter the building via the P1-3 door. If you are attending, please do not leave until the end of the show

which will be approximately 8.30pm. Entry to the concert will be via the **P1-3 door only**. No parent/carer will be granted entry through the main entrance unless they have contacted the school in advance to arrange disabled access.

If you do require disabled/wheelchair access, then please call on 01236 794805 to arrange this. **The hall and dinner hall have both been risk assessed by Health and Safety for audience numbers and the chair allocation must be legally adhered to. Please ensure you order your ticket(s) for the concert using the order form as this will save upset and embarrassment for all once tickets are sold out. Unfortunately, there is no flexibility for adding additional seats and tickets.**

Christmas Post Box

The 'Christmas Post Box' begins on Monday 3rd December. Pupils are invited to post their Christmas cards for delivery around the school. **Please ensure the forename, surname and base number is written on each card to ensure the correct person receives the card**. Christmas post is for school cards only.

School Handbook

The school handbook for session 2019-2020 will be available, on request, from the school office from Monday 3rd December.

Water Bottles

In line with school and NLC policy, pupils should be drinking water only in class only – no juice or flavoured water please. Pupils should bring their own water bottle to school.

Snapshot Jotters

Please return snapshot jotters to the school with your comments as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. I hope you enjoyed looking at your child's work and talking about their learning with them.

Party Dates Reminder

Thursday 13th December	Primary 6
Friday 14th December	Primary 7 – afternoon at Ten Pin Bowling
Friday 14th December	Primary 5
Monday 17th December	Primary 4
Tuesday 18th December	Primary 3
Wednesday 19th December	Primary 2
Thursday 20th December	Primary 1

All parties will begin at 1pm. Pupils will be dismissed at 12 noon allowing time to go home and change. **Please note, Primary 6 pupils will be dismissed at their usual time (12.15pm) due to the pantomime at Cumbernauld Theatre**.

Head Lice

Please carry out regular head checks for head lice. Ensuring long hair is tied up and regular head checks and bone combing will help eradicate lice. Leaflets are available from the school office if you require guidelines.

Christmas Service

The Christmas Service will be held in Clarkston Primary School on Tuesday 18th December at **10am.** A maximum of 100 parent/carers are invited to come along to enjoy the service. **Please email enquiries@clarkston.n-lanark.sch.uk, call the office on 01236 794805 or write a note in your child's diary if you wish tickets.** 100 tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis (maximum 2 per family) and entry will be by ticket only. If your child brings ticket(s) home on Friday 7th December then your expression of interest has been successful. No ticket(s) on Friday will unfortunately mean all tickets have been issued. **Entrance will be via the main entrance only**.

After School Clubs

Once again, I would like to remind you the dark nights are in and the safety of all children is of priority. Please make suitable arrangements for your child to be collected at the end of each club as children will **not** be allowed to leave the school premises without an adult. I would like to thank all parents/carers who have gone to the effort to ensure the safe pick-up of their child at the end of after school clubs.

Enrolment for Session 2019-2020

Registration for infant beginners for session 2019-2020 will take place on the following dates:

Monday 14th January	9.00am – 10.00 am	and	3.15pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday 15th January	9.00am – 10.00 am	and	3.15pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 16th January	9.00am – 10.00 am	and	3.15pm – 4.00pm

If you have a child who will be five years old between 1st March 2019 and 28th February 2020 you should register him/her on one of these days. **A current council tax bill and a birth certificate is required**.

Children In Need

Thank you to everyone who participated in wear spots day to raise funds for Children In Need. A combined total of £585.69 was raised between the school and nursery.

Collection of Pupils

Please can you ensure you collect pupils who are ill or attending appointments from the main office as this is the main access to the school during school hours.

Diary Dates

Saturday	1st December	-	PTA Christmas Fayre 11am-1.30pm
Monday	3rd December	-	Kilbowie Residential P7 Pupils
Monday	3rd December	-	Christmas Post Box begin
Monday	3rd December	-	PTA Meeting 7.00pm
Monday	10th December	-	Concert Dress Rehearsal am
Tuesday	11th December	-	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday	11th December	-	Choir Singing at Tesco and Rawyards
Wednesday	12th December	-	Christmas Concert 10am and 7pm
Thursday	13th December	-	P6 Christmas Party 1pm
Friday	14th December	-	P5 Christmas Party 1pm
Friday	14th December	-	P7 Bowling Afternoon
Monday	17th December	-	P4 Christmas Party 1pm

Tuesday	18th December	-	Christmas Service 10am
Tuesday	8th December	-	P3 Christmas Party 1pm
Wednesday	19th December	-	P2 Christmas Party 1pm
Thursday	20th December	-	P1 Christmas Party 1pm
Friday	21st December	-	**School closes 2.30pm**
Monday	7th January	-	**School returns 9am**

Yours sincerely,

Miss A. Bowman
Head Teacher