

# Noble Primary School

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## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are now entering our final two school weeks of the year. It has been a very busy and eventful 2017! We are in the final stages of rehearsing for our Nativity performance which go ahead this week and I look forward to seeing many of you there. There will also be an opportunity for parents and friends to purchase some of the Christmas crafts made by the children from the Christmas Fayre. The Parent Council will also be selling raffle tickets for the fabulous hampers on display in our school foyer area. A special thanks to our Parent Council for organising a fantastic Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and to staff, parents, friends who came out to support it. Thank you so very much for your kindness and generosity. We hope to be able to let you know how much money has been raised very soon.

The next two weeks will be very busy at Noble Primary School. Christmas parties, events etc. are detailed in this newsletter and on Twitter. As this is our last newsletter of the year, I would like to wish all of you a very happy Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Daniel Murray  
Head Teacher



### Pantomime

The whole school are going to see "The Wizard of Never Woz" at the Pavilion Theatre in Glasgow, on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Any outstanding paperwork should be returned to school as soon as possible and all monies MUST be paid by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.



### Christmas Parties

It will soon be Christmas party season at Noble. A letter with dates of all the parties has been issued. As usual there is a small charge to cover refreshments and prizes and we have been assured that Father Christmas will pop into our P1 – P4 parties.

### Primary 1-3 “The Nativity” and Primary 4 – 7 Christmas songs

Primary 1 to 3 will be performing three performances of their nativity in the school hall. This will be followed by primaries 4 to 7 pupils singing Christmas Songs. Dates and times of the performances are:

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am & 1.30pm  
&  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am**

Tickets are still available for all dates at £2.00.



### End of Term Christmas Service – Led by Mr Sharkie and P6

The Christmas Service is on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 9.30am**. Mr Sharkie’s class will be leading us through a special Christmas assembly. Our choir and musicians will also be performing. A letter will be issued to the pupils to request tickets.

**Due to fire regulations, this will be a ticket only event. The tickets are free, however, each family can have no more than two tickets per family, children over the age of three MUST have their own seat.** Tickets will be issued on a first come basis, to avoid disappointment, please return your slip as soon as possible.

### Noble Primary P1 Enrolment – August 2017

All parents of pupils who are starting school in August are invited to come along to our enrolment afternoon/morning at Noble Primary School. Please remember to bring your child’s birth certificate and a council tax statement as proof of address.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am to 10.30am

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 1.30pm to 2.30pm



### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

We had a fabulous Christmas Lunch on Friday. The children looked fantastic in their Christmas themed jumpers and outfits! More pictures on Twitter. (@Noble\_p\_s)



## Parent Questionnaire Results – November 2017

Thank you to those of you that took the time to complete our Parent Questionnaire at Parent/Teacher consultations. We received 115 returns and we really appreciate your feedback to help us to identify our strengths and areas to improve upon.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child likes being at school.	68%	31%	1%	
I feel that my child is safe, happy and treated fairly.	73%	27%		
My child finds their learning activities challenging enough.	56%	41%	3%	
My child receives the help he/she needs to do well.	70%	30%		
The school supports my child's emotional wellbeing.	68%	32%		
My child is making good progress at school.	69%	30%	1%	
The school takes my views into account when making changes.	54%	46%		
I feel comfortable approaching the school with questions, suggestions and/or problem.	58%	39%	2%	1%
I am kept informed about the work of the Parent Council.	60%	39%	1%	
I am satisfied with the quality of teaching and learning offered by the school.	67%	33%		
The school is well led and managed.	67%	33%		
Overall, I am satisfied with the school.	65%	35%		
The school deals well with any incidents of bullying.	49%	48%	2%	1%
Sample comments included:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We like that school work/jotters are sent home.</li> <li>- After school clubs are excellent.</li> <li>- Twitter is great for updates.</li> <li>- More outdoor activities and games</li> <li>- Great school, happy with all areas.</li> <li>- Noble has always been a great school</li> <li>- Provides excellent support to children and promote health and wellbeing.</li> </ul>			
Our next steps will be:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consistency in our use of Twitter.</li> <li>- Identify other ways to make suggestions for improvements.</li> <li>- Continue to build on outdoor learning opportunities.</li> <li>- Outline anti-bullying procedures and how this is dealt with in our school.</li> <li>- Promote the work of the Parent Council through webpage and Twitter.</li> </ul>			

## Assessment of Pupil Progress – National Standardised Assessments

As part of the National Improvement Framework, the Scottish Government will collect assessment information about children's progress in reading, writing, talking and listening and numeracy for primaries 1, 4 and 7. Most pupils are expected to achieve early level by the end of P1, first level by the end of P4 and second level by P7. From August 2017, new, national standardised assessments will be introduced in all schools in Scotland. These assessments will provide an additional source of nationally consistent evidence for teachers to use when assessing children's progress. Ongoing and informal assessment is, and will continue to be, a central part of everyday learning and teaching.

Please note:

- Every child in P1, P4, P7 and S3 will undertake national standardised assessments.
- Assessments will be completed online, giving teachers immediate feedback to help children progress.
- The assessments will be used to inform your child's class teacher how well he/she is progressing and plan next steps. There will be no pass or fail. The system adapts to your child's responses.
- There will be no set day or period of time. Teachers, in consultation with North Lanarkshire Council will decide on the appropriate time during the school year for completing assessments.

*More information can be found on our website.*

### Partnership Working – Co-Operative Distribution Centre, Newhouse

We had a very successful planning meeting with the Community Liaison Officer from the Co-Op Distribution Centre in Newhouse. The first project the team will help us with is to create an outdoor learning area in the garden space between the Rainbow Room and Infant toilets. Our vision is to create a sensory garden with an area for messy, outdoor play. This will be used by the children during Big Play sessions. A special thanks to Amanda Mitchell, Parent Council Chairperson, for helping to organise the meeting.

### Primary 3/4 Showcase of Learning – Save the Date

The children have chosen **18<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm** to showcase their learning based on their IDL (interdisciplinary learning) theme of the Vikings. A reminder letter will be issued in the new year.

### After School Clubs

All after school clubs have finished for the year. New club, dates and times will be issued on our return.

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Show 9.30am & 1.30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Show 9.30am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	P7 party (pm)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	All P5 and P6 Party (pm)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school to the pantomime
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Bellshill Academy Pantomime (P5 to attend)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	All P3 & P4 pupils party (pm)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	All P1 & P2 pupils party (pm)
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>Close 2.30pm</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	School reopens 8.55am
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	CSI Event at Bellshill Academy for P7
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	P1 Enrolment
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	P1 Enrolment
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	P1 Enrolment
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	P3/4 Showcase of Learning

