



Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas Activities

We are fast approaching Christmas and school is very busy. We still have a number of events in the lead up to Christmas.

This week we are singing at the care home and in the Town Centre, we have a sponsored Santa dash for Strathcarron Hospice on Friday and our Curriculum for excellence Awards on Friday afternoon. At the Awards ceremony we will go Live on Twitter and draw our raffle, so get in quick to purchase tickets if you have not already done so.

Our Christmas Fun Day is also this Friday. Each class will host a stall and for small amounts of money the children can play games, buy sweets, get nails painted etc. It is a wonderful event for the children who really feel they have been to a Christmas market. Children can bring in a pound or two and there will also be some free activities.

On the last week we have our P1-3 party on Monday 20th December and our P4-7 parties on Tuesday the 21st, both will take place in the afternoon. Children can come to school dressed in party clothes.

Thanks to all of you who have donated items to the foodbank, sent in donations for the raffle, bought raffle tickets and sponsored our children for the Santa Dash. Please return sponsor forms if you have not already done so as Strathcarron hospice is very close to our hearts.

Food donations will be taken to the foodbank this Friday so if you wish to donate a couple of non-perishable items, please do so before then.

COVID

You will have seen on the news that we are once again concerned about rising numbers of infections. At this point none of our planned events are threatened but we would remind parents that social distancing should take place in the yard, and that parents should only come to the school by prior appointment. Masks should also be worn while in school grounds.

If you or your child is contacted by Track and Trace, please keep us informed and make sure a PCR test is taken. If you are unsure of any of the guidance please give us a call.

We will do our best to keep everyone safe and well in the runup to Christmas.

Interim Reports

Interim reports are due out on Friday. If your child is not in we will attempt to post before Christmas, but if this is not possible, they will be handed out in January.

GIFTS

A kindly reminder that we are not expecting any gifts to be handed into school this Christmas, we appreciate all that parents do to help support our charities and the school fundraising. We are collecting for Asthma Scotland in memory of one of our former pupils and are happy to take a donation should you wish to hand in. There are however no expectations as we know how challenging Christmas can be.

Early Closing

School will close at 2.30pm on Wednesday 22nd December. Please collect your child/children promptly.

And finally, ...

On behalf of everyone at St Mary's we wish Christmas Blessings on you and yours at this very special time of year. The children have worked so well since returning to school in August and every one of them is a delight. Thanks to you too, for all the support you give the school in so many ways.

We are all looking forward to the break and to spending time with our families, but we are also looking forward to next year and can't wait to see what we will achieve.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year,

Stay safe and God Bless

Paula Brazill



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