

St. Andrew's Primary

December Newsletter



Staff & Pupils of St. Andrew's Primary & Nursery

Wish You a Happy Holy Christmas

& Joyous New Year!



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Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Guardians,

December is a wonderfully busy month in our school. The children are all very excited as we prepare for Christmas. We have achieved a great deal this year and continue to work hard for the good of our children and our community.

Please keep up to date with all school events by following us on twitter @saintandrews3 and by visiting our school website: glowscotland.org.uk/nl/standrewsairdrie/

Mrs. J. Flanagan HT



Attendance



We are so pleased to have noted a significant improvement in attendance for children in St. Andrew's Primary. This is supported by the great partnership work with our parents.

If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day it is difficult for schools to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- miss out on the social side of school life – especially at primary school. Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up.

Late Coming

A number of children are arriving late for school and having to enter via the main entrance. Late coming is monitored at both school and authority level and we would like to see a targeted improvement in this area. Children arriving late have to go to the office to be registered and often go to the dinner hall to order their lunch. Often children are upset at being late as they have missed the first part of their learning and can hold back classes from learning. Please contact the school if we can support you in ensuring your child arrives on time. We would also suggest you try our breakfast club for £1 from 8:15am which offers a calm environment where the children get to socialise and eat breakfast together. Mrs. Rossi monitors the children and encourages them to eat a healthy breakfast.

Wet Play & Severe Weather Reminder

We remind you that any weather related school closures will be communicated by NLC twitter feed and retweeted by ourselves and messaged via the App. If schools are to close early due to weather we will text the child main contact to arrange pick up as soon as possible.

We also remind you that in very snowy or icy conditions the only the main entrance will be open. This is so our janitor can focus on salting the front entrance to office, nursery and playground entrance doors.



Nativity

Thank you to all our parents and community for joining us for our infant nativity. The audience were entertained by our P5-7 choir then the violinists and brass players followed by the P1-3 Nativity show named, 'Shine Star Shine'. Ticket sales raised £680 for our school fund and £136 for FAMS (Families affected by Murder and Suicide).

Christmas Pantomime



In order to encourage good attendance and treat our children we have booked the 'In House' pantomime; 'Cinderella'. This will present to all children in school and nursery on the final day of term: Friday 21st December 2018 9:30am.

Thank you to the parent council who have agreed to direct funding at this and offset the (approximate) £600 cost of this Pantomime.

The theatre group performing have an excellent reputation so we are confident the children will have a great time!

Christmas Parties



Infant (P1-3) Christmas party will take place on Thursday 13th December at 1:30pm. The senior party (P4-7) will take place on Friday 14th December at 1:30pm.

Children can come to school dressed for the party but please be mindful they will be going out to play at interval and lunch so they will need to have appropriate shoes and warm coats.

If parents prefer they can send party clothes in with their child and they can change into them after lunch.

If you are wanting to take your child home for lunch, please write a note for the teacher and collect them at 12:15pm from the front gate and return them for 1:30pm.

The party will be planned by the teachers and include, traditional dancing, disco, party games and a snack of ice-cream, chocolate, crisps and a drink.

Charity



We teach the children how Advent and Christmas are a time for giving, particularly to those less fortunate than ourselves. Our chosen charity for Advent is FAMS (Families affected by Murder and Suicide). This is to support staff, families and members of our community who have been affected.



Clubs

Please note that all clubs have now stopped. We are delighted to have been able to offer such a high number of after school clubs this year. The children will be given a questionnaire to seek their views on the clubs and help us form new exciting clubs in the New Year.



Carol Service

Our first joint Carol Service with Golfhill Primary will take place in St Andrew's Church on Wednesday 19th December 7pm-8pm. All children from P5-7 have been lettered and asked to attend. Parents and members of the community would be most welcome. The children from St Andrew's and Golfhill Choirs and the two church adult choirs will present Christmas Carols and read relevant Christmas scriptures.

Afterwards there will be tea and biscuits. We welcome all to attend and thank families for supporting.

School Fayre

This year our Parent Council have organised the Christmas Fayre for Tuesday 18th December 3-4:30pm in the School Gym Hall. Adult entry is £1 which includes tea and biscuits. Children cost 50p which includes juice and a biscuit. Activities include: Santa's grotto, pupil produced enterprise, Raffles, bouncy castle, sweet stall, cake and candy, New gift stalls, games, and glitter tattoos.

We are now desperately looking for your help. Please support the children's requests below:

What We Need	What to do
Help with tattoos, nail Painting etc	Please contact the school if you can help
Help serving tea	Please contact school office ASAP

We already have some great raffle prizes, tickets have been sent home to purchase and will be available on the day.

Monthly Diary Date Reminders



Date	Time	Details
13.12.18	1.30pm	P1-3 Christmas Party
14.12.18	1.30pm	P4-7 Christmas Party
18.12.18	3pm-4.30pm	Christmas Fayre
19.12.18	7pm	Carol Service with Golfhill
21.12.18	9.30am	Pantomime
21.12.18	2.30pm	School Closes
7.1.19	9.00am	School Opens
25.1.19	1.30pm	Burns Supper