



Stepps Primary



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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been an extremely busy and eventful term and we have no doubt that everyone is looking forward to the festive break. Just a further reminder that the school will close on **Thursday 22 December at 2.30 pm** for the Christmas break and re-open on **Monday 9 January** for all pupils. The nursery will close at the normal time of 2.45pm on Thursday. On behalf of all the staff and pupils at Stepps Primary and Nursery, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas.



PTA Christmas Fayre

Well done to our fantastic PTA members and helpers who raised a phenomenal £6240 at this year's Christmas Fayre. The fayre was a great success and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who donated their time to help at this event. A substantial amount of time and effort goes into planning and running this event. A special thanks goes to Ms. Stewart for co-ordinating the event and to the 'Creative Team' for the many hours of work they put into converting our Community Room into a truly magical grotto for Santa's visit. A massive thank you also goes to all the parents, local businesses and organisations who donated prizes for our raffle. All of our pupils benefit from the money raised by our PTA. The PTA has made a substantial donation towards our end of term pantomime this year, purchased the snacks for all of our Christmas parties as well as agreeing to contribute towards the purchase of new interactive panels for classrooms and playground markings.



Children In Need

Well done to our Diana Committee, Mrs McLeod, Mrs Jeffreys and our parent helpers for all their hard work co-ordinating our Children In Need Fundraising Day. The children all looked fantastic in their outfits and thoroughly enjoyed participating in the events organised. Thanks to your generosity, we managed to raise an extremely impressive £1200.65.



Rights Respecting School Committee

The RRS Committee would like to extend a massive thank you for all the donations they received for their clothing appeal. The committee was overwhelmed by everyone's generosity and have been busy putting together individual Santa sacks for Ukrainian families.

Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Davidson on the safe arrival of her baby daughter. Some of the children have already been introduced to the new arrival when Miss Davidson popped into school to see us at the end of November. We wish Miss Davidson and her family a safe and happy first Christmas together.

Due to absence, we have been short staffed in our school office for a number of weeks. The Senior Management Team has been covering the school's key administrative duties, so it may have taken us a little longer than normal to return your calls and emails. If you are trying to contact the school office, we would ask for your continued patience and understanding. We have noticed a significant increase in parents/carers/childminders coming to the school office to pick their children up early. This puts additional pressures on the school office at what is already an extremely busy and challenging time. Pupils should only be collected early from the school office if they have an appointment, or if a special arrangement has been discussed and agreed by the school. Otherwise, children should be collected from the playground at the end of the day.



PTA Poster Competition

Well done to Tessa Stevenson (P6) who was selected as the winner of our PTA Christmas Fayre poster design competition. Tessa received a Smiggle Advent Calendar for designing the winning entry. Congratulations also go to our runners-up, Isla Hepworth (P1) and Faye Stevenson (P3). The PTA judging panel had a difficult time selecting the overall winner. They would like to thank all the children who submitted an entry for the competition. I think it is fair to say that we have lots of talented artists/designers at Stepps Primary!

School Transport Forms

You can find out if your child is eligible for free school transport by using the following link and entering your address details: <https://maps.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/public/inyourarea>. If your child is eligible for free school transport, please visit <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-transport/free-school-transport> where you will be able to review the relevant criteria, and complete and submit an online form.



Enrolment of P1 Pupils for Session 2023/2024

Children who attain the age of 5 years between 1 March 2023 and 29 February 2024 should be registered for education during the week commencing Monday 16 January 2023. Full details of enrolment procedures, have already been emailed out to all parents/carers and a copy of all the information has also been uploaded to our main school website and our nursery website. Information relating to deferred entry, early entry, placing requests and school transport has also been included in the information issued. If you are aware of any friends, family members or neighbours who have a child due to start school in August 2023, we would be grateful if you could share this information with them, or direct them to our school website.



Nursery Enrolment 2023/2024

We are still awaiting information from the Council regarding the nursery admissions process for session 2023-2024 session. We will share this information with parents/carers through the usual channels once we receive details from the Council.

Contact Details

Please notify the school office immediately of any changes to personal details such as home address, telephone numbers or emergency contact details. This will enable us to contact you quickly if any emergencies should arise. It is vitally important that you inform us of any changes to your current mobile phone number or email address. If you move out of the school's catchment area, can we please ask you to inform us as soon as possible and provide us with your new address. We will then provide you with a Request to Remain form which needs to be submitted to North Lanarkshire Council.



REMAINING TERM DATES FOR 2022/2023



December - Christmas and New Year

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday 22 December 2022

Friday 23 December 2022 – Friday 6 January 2023 (Christmas holidays)

Schools return on Monday 9 January 2023



February Mid-term Break

Monday 13 February 2023 - Wednesday 15 February 2023



April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday 31 March 2023

Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April (April/Spring Holiday)

Schools return on Monday 17 April 2023



May

Monday 1 May 2023 (May Holiday)

Tuesday 2 May 2023 (In-Service day)

Friday 26 May 2023 and Monday 29 May 2023 (May Weekend)



June

Schools close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 28 June 2023

We are still waiting on confirmation of the additional Bank Holiday announced to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. We will issue further details once these have been provided by the Local Authority.