

**November to December 2016**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter gives you all of the events and dates for this term, please pay close attention to the Christmas arrangements, as always we will remind you of specific events via twitter and the school blog nearer the time. **The school will be closed on Monday 21st of November for in service.**

**Children in Need** 

Children in Need 2016 will take place on Friday 18th November. We will be having a special whole school assembly followed by special activities based on Children’s Rights, linked to the work of Children in Need. Children can come to school wearing something spotty – they can pay £1 for the privilege of not wearing their uniform on that day!

**St. Andrews Day Celebrations** 

We will be celebrating St. Andrews Day on Wednesday 30th of November. Catering staff have arranged a Scottish themed lunch for that day (details to follow nearer the time via the school website, blog and twitter). Scotland will be celebrated in class and children are invited to wear their tartan for the day!

**Christmas Fayre** 

Our Christmas Fayre, supported by the Parent Council, will take place on **Saturday the 26th of November. The doors will open at 10am and close at 12noon.** There will be a range of visiting stalls as well as the traditional favourites such as the raffle, tombola, lucky dip, toys and books and home baking. Come and relax with a cup of coffee and a mince pie. As always all funds raised will be used to support the work of the school.

**Christmas Lunch** 

The school Christmas lunch will take place on WEDNESDAY 14th of December. All order slips (to be issued on Monday 5th December) and monies must be returned to school by Friday 9th December. All children in receipt of a free school meal including those in primaries one to three must return the order form only. **Any child who fails to return their order form will only be served once the other orders have been filled and as such may not get the meal of their choice.**

**Christmas Nativity** 

The Christmas Nativity Concert, involving all children from Nursery to Primary 7, will take place on **Friday 16th December at 9.30am and 1.30pm**. Tickets for ‘Lights, Camel, Action!’ will go on sale on Monday 28th of November and are limited to 2 per family. Any spare tickets will be on sale from Monday 12th December and will be on a first come first served basis. Children in the nursery are invited to participate in both performances, letters to follow.

**Christmas Parties** 

The children’s Christmas parties for each class will take place on the following dates:

Monday 19th of December at 1pm – All children in primaries 5 – 7

Tuesday 20th December at 1pm – All children in primaries 3 & 4

Thursday 22nd December at 1pm – All children in primaries 1 & 2

Thursday 22nd December - Nursery (parents are welcome to join us for a special visitor at 11.30am and 3.30pm)

The children can contribute by bringing along one of the following to share with their class:

1 2ltr bottle of juice, 1 large bag of sweets or funsizes, 1 large bag or a multi-pack of crisps or 1 packet of bought cakes.

**Pantomime** 

This year the children will be treated to a performance of ‘Aladdin’ on Wednesday 21st of December. This is always good fun and greatly enjoyed by all.

**Choir** 

The school choir will be performing in Princess Square on Thursday 15th of December from 4-5pm as part of Quarriers Festival of Choirs. Only children in primaries six and seven are involved as there is a limit in the number of children we can take. Children will be issued with further details in due course however if you are passing by don’t forget to come and offer your support.

**Nursery News** 

On Friday 23rd of December the timing of the nursery session will slightly alter to accommodate the early closure and ensure that all children are able to access their full entitlement. Children attending the morning session should come at the normal time of 8.45am and be collected at 11.55am. Children who normally attend in the afternoon should come at 11am and be collected at 2.10pm. This will allow us to enjoy some party games with all the children in the school hall from 11am until 11.45am, snack will be more substantial with lunch items such as sandwiches as some children will be attending over lunchtime.

**Christmas Holidays** 

The children will finish school on Friday 23rd of December at 2.30pm and we look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 9th of January 2017.

I look forward to seeing you all at the events taking place this term and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas when it comes (45 days to go – yippee!!!).

Yours sincerely,

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