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Dear Parent / Carer,

It's that time of year for festive preparations and these are well under way at Ruthvenfield!

The last two weeks of term are scheduled to be busy with the **Christmas Lunch** on Tuesday 10th December (please see menu below).

Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 10.12.19

The School Christmas Lunch will be offered by Tayside Contracts on Tuesday 10th December. The menu is listed below and **these will be the only items offered from the kitchen on that day.**



'Roast Turkey Crown, Gravy and Chipolata Sausage'

or

"Quorn Fillet with Gravy and Quorn Chipolata Sausage"

both are served with roast potatoes, and vegetables (peas and carrots)

Chocolate coated 'Christmas Tree' Ice cream

Christmas Show Dress Rehearsal – Thursday 12.12.19

To prepare for this year's production of 'Children of the World' we will be having a day's dress rehearsal on **Thursday 12th December** at St Serf's Church, Almondbank (opposite Pitcairn Primary School). Please drop **ALL** children off at St Serf's Church for registration at 9am that day.



Primary **1-4** will return to Ruthvenfield Primary by minibus at lunch time and will work in school for the rest of the afternoon. Any **older siblings** will be collected from St Serf's Church by minibus and **brought back to school** so that the whole family can be collected from school at the usual time of **3.20pm**.

All other P5-7 children should be collected from St Serf's Church by their parents at 3.20pm.

There will not be a tuck shop available at the church on the 12th so all pupils should bring a snack and a drink with them. A jumper is also recommended as the church can be quite chilly.

Packed Lunches should be brought by all children in P5-7 on Thursday 12th December. As P1-4 will be returning to school at lunchtime, they will be able to order a sandwich lunch from Tayside Contracts that morning if you wish. The sandwich choice for that day is a Chicken sandwich. Otherwise they will need to bring a packed lunch from home. There is no hot lunch service available due to the Hall being used as a Polling Station.

Polling Station - Ruthvenfield Gym Hall, Thursday 12th December

Our school gym hall is being used on Thursday 12th December as a Polling Station for the general elections.

Costume Rehearsal

As we progress towards our Dress Rehearsal at Almondbank (St Serf's Church) on the 12th, we would like to have a check of costumes on **Tuesday 10th**. Please ensure that costumes are in a named bag (one tea towel can look much like another).

Costumes will also be required at the Thursday Dress Rehearsal and the Tuesday Evening Performance (pupils should come dressed in their costumes for the performance).

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13.12.19

Children may wish to wear Christmas jumpers/outfits on Friday 13th December. No donations required as we have supported a number of charities recently.



Christmas Show

'On the Night' – Tuesday 17.12.19

During the last week of term, on Tuesday 17th December, our **Christmas Concert** will be held at St Serf's Church, Almondbank.

Doors will open at 6.45pm on Tuesday 17th December with a start time of 7pm. It would be helpful to know in advance if children will be not available for the dress rehearsal or the night of the performance, please complete and return the slip being sent home on Friday 6th December.

Our Parent Council are kindly organising a Raffle Draw with the chance to win a lovely Christmas hamper. Lisa Kurlus is co-ordinating this and will be at the school gate on Friday morning (tomorrow) to issue hamper items to anyone who wishes to contribute. She has asked that if she misses anyone and you wish to contribute, you can contact her direct on [REDACTED]. All items should be handed into the school office no later than Friday 13th December.

Tickets will be on sale in school in the near future at a price of £1 per strip. Please pay cash for the raffle tickets as the money will go to our Parent Council.

Please refrain from taking flash photography during the performance, an opportunity for all will be announced at the end of the performance. Please also refrain from videoing the performance due to licensing restrictions.

Please drop pupils off at the church at **6.30pm dressed in their costumes.**

Tickets cost £3.00 per adult and children are free and there is an initial allocation of 4 tickets per family (which includes the free children's tickets). Tickets can be purchased through Parentpay from Monday 9th December. Additional tickets may be available, please let the School Office know by email if you would like extra tickets and if necessary, a ballot will be carried out. Please pay initially for the allocation of 4 tickets per family.

Pantomime – Wednesday 18.12.19

On Wednesday 18th December we will be visiting Perth Theatre to see a performance of 'Sinbad'. We will be joining the 10.30am performance and will return to school in time for lunch service. Detailed trip information will be provided in due course.



Festive Parties – Thursday 19.12.19

The Primary 1–4 Christmas party will be during the morning and P5-7 during the afternoon. Pupils can come to school wearing their party clothes as long as they are suitably dressed for winter conditions and outdoor play at interval and lunch. This year, we are not asking for a monetary donation towards the parties and all snacks and drinks will also be provided.



Term Dates

Friday 20th December is the last day of Term 2 and the school will close at 12 noon. Term 3 begins on Monday 6th January 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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