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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Staffing updates**

Mrs Kate Falconer, our Primary School Support Assistant (PSSA), first expressed the wish to cut down her hours and go part-time back in February 2020. Despite this, she has continued to work full time and support us all through lockdown as well as through our return to school. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mrs Falconer for all of her hard work throughout these challenging times. **Mrs Falconer** will start working part-time the week beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November and will work **Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays** each week.

I am pleased to announce that **Mrs Jacqui Fox** was successful at the recently held PSSA interviews. Jacqui will start her post at Ruthvenfield on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November and will work **Thursdays and Fridays** each week. Kate will kindly work with Jacqui this week to help her settle in to the post.

### **Online Christmas Fair**

Unfortunately we are unable to have our biannual Christmas Fair at the Huntingtower Hotel this year so we are having an online Christmas Fair to raise funds for an outdoor classroom structure, items or an outdoor musical area and more reading books. Each class will make items which you will be able to order and purchase through Parentpay. Pictures and prices of available items can be found on the Ruthvenfield School website at the following link:- [https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/pk/ruthvenfieldprimary/?page\\_id=470](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/pk/ruthvenfieldprimary/?page_id=470)

The children will also be producing a school calendar. You will be able to order through Parentpay from the end of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Once you have decided which items you would like to order, please log into Parentpay. Each item is listed individually. All you need to do is put the quantity of each item you would like into your shopping basket and then pay for everything all at once when you check out.

We are making to order, so our order books will close on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**, to give us enough time to make all of the items. Mrs Falconer will email to let you know when your

items are ready for collection. The children are also planning to make some limited-edition Christmas items. We will share pictures of these with you when they are ready to buy.

### **Parent Council Santa Sack and Luxury Hampers Raffle**

Due to COVID-19 we've not been able to do our usual fundraising this year, but we have been able to put in place ways to allow us to do the festive fundraising through Santa sacks and raffle for hampers.

For the **Santa Sack** 3 winners will be drawn for cash prizes of £50, £30 or £20. Children will bring home 5 envelopes. If you would like to take part all you need to do is:

1. pop a pound coin in the envelope;
2. write your name on envelope
3. seal the envelope; and
4. ask the children to pop it in the box that will be located at the school by 9am on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**Raffle for hampers** is a bit more complicated. Attached is the list of items we are hoping to receive through donations from parents to allow us to make up hampers. If you have any items that are not on the list they would also be greatly received and we will try to incorporate them. The number and types of hampers will depend on what gets donated, but usually we manage up to 11 hampers (Pamper Hamper, Rudolph's Feast, Santa's Boozy Basket, Afternoon Tea Treat, Chocolate Delight, Christmas Fizz...). To allow for isolation of items before making up hampers and again before they are handed out to winners we would please ask you to:

1. Review the list.
2. Advise Rachel what item(s) you would like to donate either by popping a note on the parent council Facebook page or sending an email to [rchalm2@hotmail.com](mailto:rchalm2@hotmail.com). This will allow us to monitor what items to expect.
3. By **9th December** ask children to drop items off in the donation box that will be located in the school (for bottles or breakable items can parents please arrange to drop these items off).

The Raffle will be drawn in the school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December during the Virtual Assembly. Winners will be advised and arrangements made for picking up from school.

For purchasing raffle tickets the school have kindly offered to put an item on Parentpay so you can make payments remotely and note how many strips you would like to purchase (£1 a strip). We will then ensure your name is written onto the raffle tickets. The payment item for raffle tickets will also be available on Parentpay by the end of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Painting and decorating**

We are excited to announce that the inside of the whole school is due to be painted over the next few weeks. The work will start this Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. The gym hall will be painted first. Each class will then decant to the gym hall for a few days when it is their turn to have their classroom painted. We are looking forward to sharing photos of the school with you next term once all the work has been completed.

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## **School Christmas Lunch**

Tayside Contracts will be provided a Christmas Lunch on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The **ONLY** choices available that day will be:-

**Red Choice: Roast Turkey in Gravy with Chipolata Sausages**

**Blue Choice: Quorn Fillet in Gravy with Quorn Sausage (V)**

Both meals will be served with Carrots, Peas and Roast Potatoes

Dessert will be a Chocolate Coated Ice Cream Christmas Tree

## **Dates for the diary**

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Painting work starts in school (this will continue in to next term until all rooms/areas have been painted)

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** New outdoor climbing wall installation

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last Day for Christmas Fair Orders

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Deadline for Hamper Donations

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – School Christmas lunch

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**– Draw for Hampers and Santa Sack

**TBC - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec** – *Virtual Christmas Panto 'Oh Yes We Are!' performed by Horsecross Arts*

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec**- end of term @ 12noon

***Each class teacher will share the date of their class Christmas activity day on Seesaw shortly.***

Yours sincerely,

*Sarah Burke*

Mrs Burke  
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