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November News

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday the 2nd of December from 1.30pm-3pm.

The Cochrane Castle playground doors will be opened and parents can collect their children from their classes and take their children to the Fayre.

Please note that children must be signed out by the school staff from their classes and we appreciate your patience in this matter. For those families who cannot attend school staff will take children to the Fayre.

In preparation for the Christmas Fayre we are asking for donations leading up to the big day.

Friday 11th November- donation of toys, including teddies or bric-a-brac

Friday 18th November- donation of tins/grocery items

Friday 25th November- donation of bottles (**Please note that any donations of alcohol must be dropped into the main office.**)

Friday 2nd December- donation of baking items.

There will be the opportunity to visit a very special person. He will be ready in his grotto.

We look forward to seeing you at this event.

Book Week Scotland

Book Week Scotland runs from the 14th to 18th of November. We will be working across the campus on activities. We have arranged a reading dog visit this week for some of our classes. A consent form coming home soon. We kindly ask that this is completed and returned to school to allow your child to participate in this activity. We look forward to sharing these activities with you.

Director of Children's Services: Steven Quinn



Parents' Evening

Thank you so much to those of you who were able to attend parents' evening. We kindly ask that anyone who did not manage to make the meeting please contact the school to arrange an appointment.

Active School's Clubs

Active School's Clubs are again running after school.

Parent Pay

A reminder to our families to sign up for parent pay. This platform is now used to seek consent for all school trips. While it can be used for payment of lunches etc, it has a much wider use, and we would ask that all our families sign up and link with their account. If you have any difficulties, our school office staff can help you with this. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Forest School

The family centre would like to invite families of any P1 or P2 children (and siblings) along to the local woodlands in Rannoch woods on Saturday 5th November to take part in some forest experiences such as den building, tree climbing, stories and much more. This is a drop in session between 10am and 12pm Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. For further information contact Elaine Stevenson or Rona Murry at the nursery.

P4 visit to Lime Tree Larder

Our P4 children will be visiting Lime Tree Larder to celebrate the end of their class novel Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on Wednesday 9th November. We look forward to hearing all about it.

Energy Drinks

We encourage all our pupils to choose healthy snacks and drinks in school. We ask that no energy drinks or fizzy drinks to be brought into school including the most recent drink Prime. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Winter Jackets

As the weather is now getting colder, we ask that all children wear a suitable winter coat to school. All children received a winter coat from the school and this would be a very good choice for the winter.

Message from School Nurse

We ask all parents and carers to undertake regular checks of children's hair. A leaflet is available from the school office providing information on the detection and treatment of head lice.



Bikeability

P7 are invited to participate in bikeability. The training will take place on the following dates:

Monday 7th November

Monday 14th November

Monday 21st November

Monday 28th November.

If your P7 child has a bike and helmet, they are asked to come to school with them on this day. We do have some spare bikes and helmets that can be used for those who do not have them.

Social Media/Online Safety

It has been brought to my attention that there have been a number of incidents involving the inappropriate use of mobile phones and social media. We kindly ask that you check your child's phone messages regularly and speak to them about the importance of being kind and respectful towards others. The children have been spoken to about treating each other with kindness and we would ask for your support in this. We are arranging a date for the local community police to visit the school to speak to our children regarding internet safety and staying safe online.

Reporting Absences

If your child is absent, has an appointment or will be late for school, we ask that you contact our school office to let us know as soon as possible. A reminder that our school office can be contacted on the following number: 0300 300 0198.

Active Schools

A reminder that the following school clubs are available:

Monday	Sports on the pitch – Lunchtime
Monday	Netball 3pm-4pm
Tuesday	Sports on the pitch – Lunchtime
Tuesday	Multi-sports- Lunchtime
Wednesday	Basketball 3pm-4pm
Thursday	Football 3pm-4pm
Thursday	Multi-sports- Lunch time
Friday	Sports on the pitch – Lunchtime

Our pupils can access the lunch clubs each day, we do ask that if you wish to reserve a place at the after-school clubs for your child we ask that you use this link to register them for a place.

<https://oneren-cochranecastle.class4kids.co.uk/>

November Holiday

School will be closed for all on Wednesday 30th November and re-open on Thursday 1st December.



Diary Dates

Here are some dates for your diary. Please note dates may be subject to change. We will inform you of any changes through our normal channels of communication.

P4 Trip	Wednesday 9 th November
P6/7 Road Race	Tuesday 15 th November
St Andrew's Day- School closed	Wednesday 30 th November
Nativity Performance - PM	Wednesday 14 th December
Flu Vaccine	Friday 16 th December
Christmas Pantomime -In School	Friday 16 th December
School stops for Christmas Holidays at 2.30pm	Wednesday 21 st December
School re-opens for all-9am	Thursday 5 th January
P7 Joint Burn's Day Afternoon-TBC	Wednesday 25 th January
Parents' Evening	Thursday 2 nd February
Joint Campus Health Day	Friday 10 th February
School closes for February Break at 3pm	Friday 10 th February
School re-opens for pupils	Thursday 16 th February
Joint Health Day	Friday 31 st March
School stops for Easter Break 2.30pm	Friday 31 st March
School Re-Opens	Monday 17 th April
School Closed- May Holiday	Monday 1 st May
May Holiday- School Closed	Friday 26 th May
School Re-Opens for pupils	Wednesday 31 st May
P7 Residential Trip	Wednesday 7 th June – Friday 9 th June
P7 Transition visits to Johnstone High School	Wednesday 14 th – Friday 16 th June
School Stops for Summer Break	Tuesday 27 th June

As always if you have any questions regarding this newsletter or indeed any aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Your faithfully,

Michelle Ferguson
Head Teacher