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Children's Services**

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December News

Dear Parent/ Carer,

It is hard to believe that we are already in December. The children are very excited for all our festive activities and we are looking forward to having our families back in school for the first nativity in a few years.

Thank you so much for your wonderful support for the Christmas Fayre. It was a huge success with a grand total of £1360 being raised. Thank you to everyone who donated, our staff and children and of course our Parent Council. The proceeds raised will be used to support the children throughout the year.

Active School's Clubs

A reminder that Active School's clubs have stopped for Christmas. We will inform you when the clubs begin again after the New year.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday 7th December. Children can choose to wear something Christmassy such as a head piece, tinsel or a Christmas jumper.

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 and if we do not have consent your child will be unable to participate in the trip.** 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.

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.

Director of Children's Services: Steven Quinn



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

Our P7 children who participated in Bikeability training have successfully achieved their Level 1 award. Well done to all who participated. We look forward to seeing your progress in level 2 when that begins.

Nativity

Our school nativity performance will take place on Wednesday 14th December at 1.30pm. Parents and Carers are invited to attend. Primary 1 and 2 will perform 'A Midwife Crisis', and all other classes will perform a Christmas song.

Christmas Singers

Our singing group will visit our local care homes to perform Christmas songs and carols on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December. Our children are looking forward to this. **A reminder that consent must be approved through Parentpay** to allow the singing group to join in this activity.

Christmas Parties

Cochrane Castle Christmas parties will take place on Monday 19th December. Children can wear their own clothes to school on this day. We hope that we get a visit from a very special person.

Panto

Hopscotch Theatre Group will perform their panto Jack and the Beanstalk on the afternoon of Friday 16th December.

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.

Christmas Holidays

School closes for Christmas Holidays on **Wednesday 21st December at 2.30pm.** School re-opens for pupils on Thursday 5th January at 9am.



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.

Nativity Performance at 1.30 pm	Wednesday 14 th December
Flu Vaccine	Friday 16 th December (am)
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 at 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