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November News

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday the 24th November 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. Children can wear their own clothes as they donate on the following days:

Friday 10th of November- donation of tins/grocery items

Friday 17th of November- donation of bottles **(Please note that any donations of alcohol must be dropped into the main office.)**

Friday 24th of November- 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 13th to 17th of November. We will be working across the campus on activities. Our P1/2 class will be visiting Johnstone Library on Tuesday 14th of November. P1-3 will have a visit from Owl Magic on Friday 17th November. We look forward to sharing these activities with you.



Wider Achievement

Could we please ask that you share any of your child's achievements out with school with us. If your child has gone up a grade in swimming or has achieved a merit badge in Brownies or Beavers, we would like to know. We will celebrate these achievements every month at assembly.

End of day Pick Up

We kindly ask that you do not gather in the school playground before 2.55pm each day. We ask that you stand well back from the doors to allow the children space to leave the building safely. Our children are often learning outdoors and for security we ask that you wait outside to allow the children clear access to the school and able to use all the space in the playground. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Dogs in the playground

Renfrewshire Council Policy states that **NO** dogs are allowed on school grounds. We ask that all dogs do not enter the main front and back gates to the school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

November Holiday

School will be closed for all on Thursday 30th November and re-open on Friday 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.

Flu Vaccine	Thursday 9 th November
P1/2 Library visit	Tuesday 14 th November at 1.30pm
Cochrane Castle Christmas Fayre	Friday 24 th November at 1.30 pm
St Andrew's Day- School closed	Thursday 30 th November
P5 Library Visit	Tuesday 5 th December
School Christmas Nativity	Thursday 14 th December - pm
Christmas Panto	Tuesday 19 th December – pm
Christmas parties – all classes	Wednesday 20 th December
School closes for Christmas Holidays	Friday 22 nd December at 2.30pm
School opens for new term	Monday 8 th December at 9 am
P6 Library Visit	Tuesday 16 th January
New Primary 1 open afternoon	Tuesday 23 rd January- pm
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 7 th February
P7 Library visit	Tuesday 6 th February
School closes for February Break at 3pm	Friday 9 th February



School re-opens for pupils	Thursday 15 th February
Spring Disco	Thursday 21 st March
School stops for Easter Break 2.30pm	Friday 28 th March
School Re-Opens	Monday 15 th April
May In- Service Day	Thursday 2 nd May
School Closed- May Holiday	Monday 6 th May
Cochrane Castle Sport's Day	Wednesday 22 nd May
May Holiday- School Closed	Friday 24 th May
School Re-Opens for pupils	Tuesday 28 th May
P7 Residential Trip	Wednesday 5 th June – Friday 7 th June
P7 Valedictory	Tuesday 11 th June
P7 Transition visits to Johnstone High School	Wednesday 12 th – Friday 15 th June
P7 Leaver's Disco	Monday 24 th June
School Stops for Summer Break	Thursday 27 th June at 1pm

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