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Dear Parent/Carer,



NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2020

Last Day of School

Friday 18th December is the final day of school this term. Pupils should arrive at school at the same times as they have been doing since the beginning of term. However, due to early closure at Christmas and the requirement for a staggered exit, the finishing times will be amended as follows:

2.10pm P1, P4/5, P6 & P7

2.20pm P1/2, P2/3, P4 & P5

2.30pm P2, P3 & P6/7

Please also note, that pupils do not require to wear their uniform on Friday 18th December.

At the time of writing, Renfrewshire schools are still scheduled to return on Wednesday 6th January 2021 but there is discussion at Government level that this might change. When a decision has been made, we will inform you by text message and through our school website.

Pupil Reports

By now you should have received and read your child's interim report and I hope that you found them informative and helped to give you a summary of how the teacher feels your child is progressing.

Homework

As mentioned previously, homework plans have been issued and most teachers provide homework activities in paper form or digitally (P1-P3 SeeSaw and P4-P7 Google Classrooms). We appreciate that homework might not always be a priority for all families during these uncertain times but we are grateful for any encouragement and support which you are able to give your child in completing their homework tasks.

P.E.

As you are aware, due to level 4 restrictions, P.E. requires to be undertaken outdoors until instructed otherwise. As the guidance changes regularly, we recommend that children are equipped for all scenarios and come to school with their gym kit (for indoors) and warm, waterproof coat (for outdoors). During inclement weather, P.E. will not take place.

Christmas

In agreement with most of our cluster schools, we will unfortunately not be able to have a Nativity performance this year. However, Christmas will still be taking place at Langcraigs! On the **14th December**, we will be having a Christmas fun day for all the children. This will involve activities in the safety of the classroom, a visit from Santa for P1-P3 pupils and a visit to the gym hall to watch the Wizard of Oz pantomime – three separate performances on the

day to ensure social distancing! Pupils won't even need to wear their uniform that day. We'll send a letter out and have information on the school website to provide you with further details, so please check the bags and the school website.

Unfortunately, due to the current situation, we would encourage pupils not to exchange Christmas cards or gifts with each other this year.

Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 8th December and you should have received a letter providing you with details of what's on offer.

Pupil Achievement

Olivia Gardner (P2) raised over £400 for the British Legion Poppy Appeal by doing 11,000 steps each day for eleven days. Everyone at Langcraigs Primary School wants to say a huge well done to Olivia for all her heroic efforts in raising much needed funds for such a worthwhile cause. You are a star Olivia – very well done 😊.

Community Support

It is always amazing just how much people can pull together and help one another during difficult times and this period is no exception. My thanks go to Ian Brown at 'Glen-Bun Bakers' and his team, who helped encourage the local community to raise funds for good causes in the local area. Well done and thanks to all our parents who made donations as your kindness will help many people in our local community.

Citizenship Winners

I am pleased to inform you that the following pupils will receive a special Langcraigs certificate from me for 'Playing Sensibly' throughout the month of November:

P1 Rowan Welsh

P1/2 Leyton Anderson

P2 Harrison Fogg

P2/3 Reagan Steele

P3 Cooper Gray

P4 Heather Nicholson

P4/5 Emma Lithgow

P5 Matthew Stevenson

P6 Archie Sweeney

P6/7 Ryan Lucas

P7 Melek Lochrie

Dates for the Diary

DECEMBER

Tuesday 8th

Christmas Lunch

Monday 14th

Christmas Fun Day – details to follow

Friday 18th

Non uniform day

SCHOOL CLOSES (see above for details)

JANUARY

Wednesday 6th

Staff and pupils return to school (tbc)

Finally, as we near the end of our first term, I would once again like to thank you all for your support and, on behalf of everyone at Langcraigs, I hope that you all have as good a Christmas and New Year as possible.

Yours sincerely

Graeme Maclean

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