

# **RASHIELEA PRIMARY SCHOOL**





Although we cannot celebrate Christmas the way we would normally or would like to we have planned with the House and Vice Captains activities for the children to be involved in throughout December.

## **Christmas Presents**

We consider ourselves lucky to work with families who are always so generous sending in beautiful gifts at Christmas and summer. At this time of year we realise that family budgets can be strained, this year even more than usual, so staff have asked that **no presents** are given this year. If you would like to thank a particular member of staff then a message or a drawing would be much appreciated.

We hope this makes life a little bit easier for everyone as it is one less thing to think about. Remember, you give us the best gift of all by allowing us to teach your children.

#### Christmas Cards

Unfortunately we are unable to organise the annual Christmas Post in school due to current health and safety guidelines. We ask that children do not bring Christmas cards to school to share with others. Instead the children will have the opportunity to send an e-card to each other.

#### **Christmas Parties**

Class parties will be a little bit different this year but everyone will have the chance to have some fun playing socially distanced games, dancing and a treat from our fabulous Parents' Association.

	AM	PM	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	P7b Party	P7a Party	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	P2 Party	P1 Party	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	P5/4 Party	P5 Party	
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	P4/3 Party	P3 Party	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	P6b Party	P6a Party	



# Advent Calendar – Foodbank Appeal

Our P6b Vice Captains are organising a reverse advent calendar where every child will 'open' a door by donating a food item. Olivia, Charlotte, Eva and Rowan will send further details on Seesaw at the end of this week.

# Christmas Fun Day

On Friday 4th December, the House Captains are hosting a fundraiser to raise money to help buy gifts to donate to families, who may need a bit of extra help this year getting Christmas presents for their children. Throughout the day there will be lots of fun activities taking place in school.

• There will be a code breaker event, for both the lower and upper school.

• The House Captains will be making a seat dance on video, and all classes will be able join in with it on their seats too.

• There will be, a design your own Christmas jumper competition and the House Captains are going to pick out a winner from each class and then pick out an overall winner. The overall winner's prize will be a whole class movie/game afternoon. Children can wear a Christmas jumper/own clothes on the day.

We would be super grateful if everyone could donate between 50p to £2:00 on Parent Pay towards this generous cause.

# Christmas Lunch

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December – children who wish a Christmas lunch must have pre ordered.

## Rashie's Rough Mudder – Christmas Edition - Friday 18th December

P1 - 3 will have the opportunity to take part in a playground Santa Dash and P4 - 7 will have the opportunity to take part in a carefully staged COVID friendly obstacle course on the field. A donation page will be set up on Parent Pay for those who wish to contribute to school funds for further outdoor learning developments.

Further details will follow.

#### P7 Hoodies

Please note the last date for payment is the 18<sup>th</sup> December.

#### St. Andrew's poetry recital

As part of Scottish Book Week and in celebration of St. Andrew's Day the children have been learning a Scottish poem. Each class will record their recital and post on Seesaw.

#### Born This Night

Instead of singing we are signing, showing off our Makaton skills. The trailer was released via Seesaw and Twitter with the grand premiere due on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Santa Letters

P1 – 3 children are getting their letters ready to send to Santa. We have all our fingers and toes crossed they get a reply! Watch this space!

#### Virtual Santa

We have heard from one of Santa's elves that he is very sad not to be able to visit us this year however he has promised to visit P1 and P2 virtually.

#### **General reminders**

Please remember that the children should now be coming to school with

- Wellies
- Waterproofs
- Change of shoes
- Warm layers

We would like to take the opportunity once again to thank you all for your support during these very different, challenging times. Team Rashie have done a wonderful job!

#### Christmas Closure

School closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. Buses will leave shortly before this. We re-open on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Kind regards

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