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Dear Parent/Carer

### December News

Welcome to the December Newsletter.

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Benton and her husband on the birth of their beautiful baby girl. Mum and baby are keeping well and we look forward to seeing them both in the future.

#### Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be available to pupils on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The options are as follows (please note, no other option will be available on this day):

Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Stuffing & Pigs in Blankets

Or

Steak Pie, Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Peas

Vegetarian Option:

Quorn Roast with Vegetarian Stuffing Balls, Roast Potatoes & Carrots

Christmas Ice Cream Pots

&

Christmas Treat

#### Snacks/Lunches

Please can I ask that children continue to have **healthy lunch boxes** with no fizzy juice. It is also extremely important that **no food items contain nuts** as we have a number of pupils in the school with nut allergies.

#### Homework

From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December there will be no homework until after the New Year.

#### P1-3 home time arrangements

From Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November Primary 1 and Primary 1/2 can be collected from gate 1 (next to the Muga). Primary 2 and Primary 3 can be collected from gate 2 (Seedhill road entrance). We ask that you maintain social distancing and wear a face covering.



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## **Science Centre**

This term Primary 6 and 7 will continue to work with the Science Centre. They will participate in virtual sessions and carry out a number of experiments.

## **PE**

As we are now in Tier 4, PE will continue to be delivered outdoors (weather permitting). On the days your child has PE, please ensure they are suitably dressed for the weather.

## **Own Clothes Day**

During advent this year we will be collecting for our Parent Partnership and the Renfrewshire Foodbank. Children are invited to wear own clothes to school on the following days:

		Donation
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Own clothes	Foodbank Item
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Own clothes	Foodbank Item
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Own clothes	£1 donation
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Own clothes	£1 donation

*Suggested donations for the Foodbank include:*

*Tins of soup*

*Tinned and dried potatoes*

*Jam*

*Toiletries (including toilet roll, toothpaste etc)*

*Selection boxes*

## **Christmas Fun Afternoon**

This will take place during the school day on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December for P1-7. On this day pupils are invited to wear their own clothes/festive clothes to school. Primary 1-3 may have a virtual visit from a special man in a red suit! On this day children will receive a packet of Sainsbury's crisps and a small packet of Haribo. Please contact the school office if you do not wish your child to receive any items of the snack.

## **Virtual Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk**

Thank you to the Parent Partnership for providing the children the opportunity to watch a 'virtual panto'. For P1-3 this will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December and for P4-7 this will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The children will receive a packet of Metacalf popcorn or Butterkist. Please contact the school office if you do not wish your child to receive this snack.

## **Christmas Holidays**

Please note the school closes for Christmas on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Primary 1-3 will finish at 2.20pm and P4-7 will finish at 2.30pm. The school will reopen on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Gifts**

We have received a number of enquiries into the school office regarding whether the staff are able to accept Christmas gifts for the staff from the children. Whilst we are always incredibly grateful for your generosity, we are unable to accept any gifts this year. As a staff our wish is that you all have a safe and enjoyable Christmas time.



### School clothes

As I am sure you have noticed the weather has been a little rainy! Please can I ask that you send your child to school with a spare pair of socks/trousers/skirts/tights or leggings in their school bag. The children are spending an increased amount of time outdoors and even when it is not raining the ground can be very wet.

### Parking

We need your help to continue to keep our children safe. One way we can all help is to ensure that everyone is parking in a safe place and at a safe speed when dropping/collecting the children from school. Please can you ensure that **you do not drop off or park on top of the zig zag lines or on the bend immediately outside the school/MUGA**. We are very fortunate to have many parking spaces near to our school. We also ask that you slow your speed down around our school.

### Parent Partnership 100 Club

#### **Well done to our November winners:**

1st Kevin McKay £86

2nd Nicola Gray £43

3rd Jacqueline Wrightson £21.50

The purpose of the 100 Club draw is to raise funds for the school. We still have spaces in our 100 Club draw. If you are interested in joining please message the Parent Partnership via Facebook.

### November Awards

	<b>Star Pupil</b>	<b>Well Done</b>
Primary 1	Leo	Dylan
Primary 1/2	Kendall	Paige
Primary 2/3	Jack	Georgia
Primary 3	Aleksander	Oliver
Primary 4	Finn	Pierce
Primary 5	Keelan	Evan
Primary 6	Klaudia	Lewis, Jessica and Calum
Primary 7	Eilidh	Louis

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

Yours,

Lorna Murray  
Head Teacher



### Dates for the Diary (at time of print)

Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	St Andrew's Day – school closed
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	P6 Bikeability
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch
	P6 visit school library
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent Partnership Mtg (Virtual)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	P6 Bikeability
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	P6 visit the school library
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	P1-3 Virtual Panto with Popcorn
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	P4-7 Virtual Panto with Popcorn.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fun Afternoon – own clothes/festive clothes
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 –3 = 2.20pm finish P4 – 7 = 2.30pm finish School closes for Christmas Holidays.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens



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