

People Directorate

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid-19 Update

We appreciate how difficult the current circumstances are for everyone. I would just like to remind everyone that if your child has symptoms of Covid-19 or has to self-isolate for any reason then please contact the school immediately. If your child is absent from school we have lots of activities on our website to keep them busy and learning. There is also a video guide on how to access things on the website. All classes have access to Microsoft teams where they can find homework activities or chat to the teacher and ask for help. We have loved seeing all the amazing Pumpkin Carvings and Pudsey and Blush drawings and crafts. We also appreciate the parents who are helping their children to get online. It is a new way of working for everyone. If you are struggling with anything, please do not hesitate to phone the school for help.

If your child has to self-isolate for any reason, we will contact you to see how you are all doing, but please feel free to phone us at any time if you need anything.

There have been some changes to our normal Christmas festivities but we hope the children will still have an amazing time.

December Dates

Date	Event
Date TBC	Whole School Virtual pantomime plus a treat from Parent Council
Monday 14th Dec	P5/6 Party (Miss Clive)
Monday 14th Dec	P6/7 party (Mrs Forbes)
Tuesday 15 th Dec	Christmas Lunches- P1/2, P2/3, P3/4
Wednesday 16 th Dec	P3/4 Party (Mrs Stevenson)
Wednesday 16 th Dec	P4/5 Party (Mr Fyfe)
Thursday 17 th Dec	P2/3 Party (Mrs Cassells) Christmas Lunches- P4/5, P5/6, P6/7
Friday 18 th Dec	P1/2 Party (Mrs Bell) Festive Friday Crafts Sent home Wear a Christmas Jumper or Christmas Accessories (antlers, tinsel etc)

Christmas Jumper Day

We are asking all children to wear Christmas Jumpers on Friday 18th December and bring £1 donation. Parents please feel free to wear yours on the drop off and pick-ups. We all need a bit of Christmas cheer this year! P1/2 can wear a Christmas jumper over their party clothes or just come wearing Christmas accessories.

P1/2 Nativity and class performances

The boys and girls in P1/2 will perform the Nativity and this will be filmed for parents/carers and family members to watch. All other classes will be putting a performance together too. We have to be very creative, as we are not allowed to sing under the current government guidance rules. DVDs will be available to purchase. Further information will follow.

Christmas Parties and Virtual Santa

Children should come to school dressed in their party clothes on the day of their party. There are many fun activities planned. Santa will make a special virtual appearance from the North Pole into our Infant classes.

Christmas Lunch

Due to class bubbles not being allowed to mix, we have to stagger our Christmas lunches over two days. The infant classes will have Christmas lunch in the dinner hall on Tues 15th December and the upper classes will have lunch in the dinner hall on Thursday 17th Dec.

Pantomime

The Parent Council have kindly paid for the school to experience an interactive virtual pantomime this year. All classes will have the pantomime screened to their classroom. The Parent Council have also bought every child a sweetie cone to enjoy too. The children voted for this treat.

Warm Clothes

As part of our Covid-19 risk assessment, we must ensure classrooms are ventilated at all times. This means windows need to remain open. As the weather gets colder children may wish to wear more layers in class. Please ensure they always come to school with a warm coat.

Change to School closing date

Please see the new holiday dates from South Ayrshire. The school will now close to pupils one day earlier on Tuesday 22nd December at 2:30pm. Staff will still be working on the 23rd as an Inservice day but we will be doing this remotely. This is to ensure that we do not need to phone any families or staff members on Christmas Day to self-isolate.

I would like to take the time to thank our Parent Council for all their support and to all the parents who are following all the rules regarding social distancing and mask wearing at drop offs and pick-ups. It takes everyone working together to ensure the safety of our families, staff and our pupils which in turn ensures that our children are able to continue to attend school safely.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Flint
(Acting Head Teacher)