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Dear Parents / Carers.



We are officially in full Christmas mode with only 3 weeks to go before the holidays and as such we are happy for the children to begin to wear their Christmas jumpers from tomorrow. We are still promoting school uniform and encourage all children to continue to wear their smart trousers / skirts or full-school uniform if they prefer.

Christmas Advent Raffle

The children's Advent Raffle begins on **Friday 1**st **December**. This is a highlight everyday at lunchtime to see who has won and what prizes they have got. Thank-you very much to those parents who have donated prizes already but please keep your donations coming in to enable us to provide lots of prizes each day. Tickets costs 50p for the advent raffle and a ticket is valid for one draw.

Christmas fair

Our annual Christmas fair takes place on Wednesday 6th December from 4.30-6.30pm. There will be a variety of stalls from local sellers as well as the children's Christmas crafts and cards. The children have also been making Christmas cards so you will be able to view your child's Christmas card design and order these on the night. We will aim to get your Christmas card order returned to you by Friday 8th December.

This year for the first time we will have a photo booth for families to take their own fun photos. We will also have an outdoor fire pit where you will be able to toast your marshmallows and enjoy some hot chocolate and mulled wine. We are delighted to be welcoming Iain Blackwood once again to provide the musical entertainment throughout the evening.

Christmas lunch

The Christmas lunch will take place on **Tuesday 12th December** and we would be delighted if parents/carers would like to come along and join their children. There will be two sittings 11.45 to 12.15 and 12.30-1.00pm and we will ensure that families are seated together. The cost for adults is £3 for two courses which can be paid through your child's ParentPay account. This is also being subsidised through fundraising to try to enable as many families to enjoy Christmas lunch together.

Please click on the link which will take you to a form to make your menu choices which includes: Lentil soup, steak pie, Roast Turkey, Quorn roast and Chocolate or Strawberry ice cream. https://forms.office.com/e/n6vihApN32 Lunch choices must be made by Monday 4th December.

Gaiety Pantomime

P1-7 are going to the Gaiety Theatre to see Cinderella on Friday 15th December. The performance starts at 10am so to allow us to arrive and get seated on time we are requesting that all children arrive in school by 8.45am at the latest to allow us to register and get on the bus.



EYC Farm Park

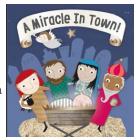


The Early Years Centre will be visiting Santa at the Farm Park in Ayr on Thursday 14th December. The children will visit Santa's traditional grotto as well as enjoying other Christmas festivities including Christmas crafts with Mrs Claus, games and stories with the North Pole elves and time to enjoy the soft play.

The parental contribution per child for the Farm Park and Pantomime will be £10 per child which is a greatly reduced price. Parents/Carers can pay through ParentPay. Families with 3 or more children within the school (EYC to P7) will pay a reduced cost. *Any parents who have not paid the pantomime or Farm park in full should do so as soon as possible.*

Nativity and Christmas Service

The Nativity this year is called, 'A Miracle in Town' and will involve the children from our Early Years Centre, P1 and P2 with P3 forming the choir. The dress rehearsal will take place on Monday 18th December for the school and then the children will perform at the Christmas Service on Tuesday 19th December at 9.30am for parents and carers. We are always delighted to welcome our parents/carers to our Christmas service but it is helpful if you can confirm your attendance.



A separate message will be sent for you to reply with the number of seats required and any special requests due to mobility issues.

Christmas parties

The Christmas parties will take place on the last week. All children should come dressed for their parties. Santa will be visiting the school for the Early Years and infant parties on Wednesday 20th and all of the children in the EYC and P1-3 will get to meet him.

Wednesday 20th December EYC party am / P1-3 party pm

Thursday 21st December P4-7 party am

The school and Early Years closes on Friday 22nd December at 2.30pm and re-opens for all children and staff on Monday 8th January.

Yours sincerely
Louise Morrison
Head Teacher