

## Educational Services

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Dear Parents /Carers.

The busy Christmas calendar has begun with our very successful Christmas Fayre last night. Thank-you to all of the parents/carers who supported us. We are always so grateful to the kind donations for our raffle from local businesses.

The next three weeks are extremely busy with lots of lovely Christmas events planned. The beginning of December always marks the start of Christmas Jumper season. We are still expecting the children to continue to wear their smart trousers / skirts or full-school uniform but the children are welcome to begin to wear Christmas jumpers from the start of December.

### Christmas Advent Raffle

We issued an opinion poll to parents/carers and the majority have voted for both the Christmas and Easter children's raffle to go ahead. The children's Advent Raffle will begin on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** and prizes will be given out every lunchtime. If you are able to can parents/carers please hand in some small Christmas gifts to enable us to provide lots of prizes each day. Staff have also donated a **£50 Smyth's toy voucher** for the Grand Prize Draw. Tickets costs 50p for the advent raffle and £1 for the Grand Prize draw which will be drawn on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**.

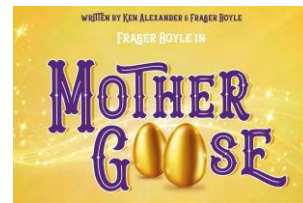
### EYC Christmas Outing

The Early Years Centre will be visiting, 'The Little Play Planet' in Ayr on **Monday 2nd December**. The children will have time to explore all of the various role play areas which are decorated for Christmas and then we have booked a room for their buffet lunch. *The parental contribution per child for the EYC outing and also the P1-7 Panto will be £10 per child which is a greatly reduced price due to admission and transport costs. Parents/Carers can pay through ParentPay. Families with 3 or more children within the school including the EYC will pay a reduced cost.*



## Gaiety Pantomime

P1-7 are going to the Gaiety Theatre to see Mother Goose on **Thursday 12th December**. The performance starts at 10.30am so we will be leaving the school sharp following registration. All children who order a school meal will be provided with packed lunch as we will not be returning to school until 1pm when the children can then have their break.



## Christmas lunch

The Christmas lunch will take place on **Wednesday 11th December**. Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite parents/carers as the catering service is not able to cater for additional numbers this year. We are extremely disappointed as it has been an annual event at Dailly for the last 12 years. Christmas lunches for the children are available to pre-order on Parentpay, we are asking parents where possible to pre order to assist the kitchen in ordering. Lunch choices will be Lentil soup, steak pie, Roast Turkey, Quorn roast and sticky toffee pudding or ice cream.  
*Can lunch choices be made by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.*

## Nativity and Christmas Service

The Nativity this year is called, 'The Twinkly Nativity' and will involve the children from our Early Years Centre, P1, 2 and 3. The dress rehearsal will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December for the school and then the children will perform at the Christmas Service on **Monday 16th December at 9.30am which all parents/carers are invited to.** *Please note this is a change of date from the diary dates updated in October – originally it was Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.*

In addition to the Nativity performance some P4-7 pupils will be performing Christmas Carols with a Caribbean twist on their steel drums to showcase the work they have been doing with Mrs Gibson.

We are always delighted to welcome our parents/carers to our Christmas service but it is helpful if you can confirm your attendance *to allow us to plan seating. 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 Early Years Centre and P1-3 on the Tuesday afternoon.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December      EYC party am                      /                      P1-3 party pm  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December      P4-7 party am

The school and Early Years closes on **Friday 20th December at 2.30pm** and re-opens for all children and staff on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**.

Yours sincerely

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