

## Educational Services

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Nativity Update:

I am writing to let you know about an important update regarding our Nativity performance date. Due to priorities within the church diary, we are no longer able to hold the Nativity on Thursday 4th December as originally planned. The church has kindly offered us an alternative date, and the Nativity will now take place on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.00pm**. The Nativity has been very symbolic in the church over these past two years with all pupils involved, and we are keen to continue this new tradition. We appreciate that this change may be inconvenient for some families, and we are very sorry for any disruption this may cause.

### Busy Schedules:

As you know, this is a very busy time in school. Alongside our usual day-to-day teaching, staff and pupils are working hard with all the show rehearsals and a number of other seasonal events. We have also been fortunate to secure additional times in the Leisure Hall, which has allowed us to continue rehearsals safely and comfortably. However, this has had a knock-on effect on some arrangements, including updates to the P4–P7 lunch schedule and meals. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through these schedules.

### Choir:

I kindly ask that families continue to complete the Microsoft Forms returns sent out for various festive events. These help us plan ahead, particularly for choir numbers out with the school day. The choir diary is as popular as ever and we're delighted to be entertaining many groups in our local community.

### Christmas Lunch:

Our annual Christmas Lunch will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Pupils are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper that day. Understandably, the catering team have asked for online orders to be completed on ParentPay as soon as possible so that they are fully prepared for what is an extremely busy day. Can you please order your child's lunch or indicate if they won't be having one by **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. If you have any issues, please let the school office know.

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### Charity Shop:

A reminder that P7 family members are supporting the charity shop from Friday 28th November. Donations can be dropped off at the homes of Deirdre Cuthbertson and Carol Campbell. Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting this fundraising event for our P7 pupils.

### Christmas Fair:

Please come along to the Christmas Fair in the Campus on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am. Thank you for all the 'November Dress Down Friday' donations for the Parent Council tombola stall. They will be busy that morning alongside our P7 pupils who will have their own 'Kids Christmas' Hamper raffle and 'Guess how many Christmas treats in the Jar'. These will be available for all pupils in the days leading up to the fair (image and details to follow)

### Gaiety Panto:

After all our shows and festive events are finished, I am delighted that pupils and staff will enjoy a well-deserved trip to the Pantomime at the Gaiety Theatre on Thursday 18th December. Tickets, transport and sweet treats have been generously covered by both the school and the Parent Council. If you do not consent to your child receiving a sweet treat, please contact the school and advise us of this. We are extremely grateful for the Parent Councils continued support.

A huge thank you also goes to all the Parent Council members who organised the recent music event at the Town Hall, in partnership with Culzean Primary Parent Council. With an additional donation from Brian Connolly, an incredible £2,000 was raised, with each Council receiving £1000 – all of which will go directly towards supporting your children. The volunteering of time, effort and commitment are greatly appreciated.

### Parent Council Christmas Party:

The Parent Council will also be hosting a Christmas party for all pupils On **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** in the church hall at 6.00m. Jamie and Gillian from the Youth Club will also very kindly be supporting as this date falls on what would be a Youth Club night.

In these coming days and weeks, I have no doubt you will continue to receive updates regarding our school and festive schedules. Please continue to check our Newsletter dates and we will also inform you of any changes, if required. Thank you for your continued support, flexibility, and kindness. Our focus remains on giving the children joyful and meaningful experiences, and we are looking forward to sharing these special moments with you all.

Kind regards,

Rachael McCallum,  
Head Teacher

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