

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update – Friday 15th December 2023



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

We have very much enjoyed the ELC Christmas Show and the P1 and P2 Twinkl Nativity Shows this week. Alongside the class parties, there has been much to celebrate and enjoy in school.

Next week the remainder of our classes will have their parties, there is our whole school Christmas lunch to tuck into, and we are looking forward to welcoming families into school to enjoy our P3-P7 Christmas Concert by Candlelight.

Thank you to everyone who has supported their child to be involved in all that has been on offer this term; for helping children to learn lines, practise songs and for providing costumes and resources. Most importantly, if you were able to come and see any of the performances, we know that this has meant a lot to the children and it has been a super learning experience for all.

None of these Christmas events would have taken place without the hard work and dedication of our staff team, all of whom have worked tirelessly, and as always, gone above and beyond to help make these events such a festive success. Thank you to the parents who have taken the time to recognise this and get in touch with us:

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart to ALL staff who made today's nativity performances possible. From creating and printing tickets, to choosing the kids for different roles, to making and getting costumes to fit, the hours of practices and then giving up your own time to be there until who knows when tonight. It really is much much appreciated.

What a team you are at Clovenfords primary and for that we are so grateful. What an inclusive school we have as well. Every single child shone so bright tonight. Thanks as always for going above and beyond for our children."

P1 Parent

As we sign off this term, with the last Weekly Update of this year and the close of 2023, on behalf of everyone in school, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe, peaceful and healthy New Year.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Monday 18th December	P5/6 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
Tuesday 19th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 19th December	P6/7 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
Wednesday 20th December	P3-P7 Christmas by Candlelight Concert – Dress Rehearsal - 2.15pm and Evening Performance – 6.30pm TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
Thursday 21st December	P1/2 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
Thursday 21st December	LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 22nd December	Holiday
Monday 8th January 2024	New term begins – all resume

Cost of Living

For many families, Christmas puts an additional strain on finances and wellbeing. Please see attached flyers for more information on **Food Access**, **Help For Housing Association Tenants with fuel debt** and information on how to download the **NHS Borders Money Worries App**.

These flyers are also available to view on the noticeboard at our school gate entrance which may support other families and the wider community who do not have access to this information if they do not have school aged children.



Wider Achievements

It was great to hear about Lottie's volunteering that she does every week at Langlee Community Centre. Lottie supports the Youth Club for school children from P1 to P6 each Wednesday and has been doing this almost a year! Fantastic effort Lottie!

Parent Council Update



Thank you to all of you who have donated gifts to Mission Christmas this year! Our donation box is filling up, however if you have any gifts still to drop off, please do so by **Friday 15th December**. This will be the last day for dropping off gifts at the school. The Mission Christmas box is in the school foyer, please ask at Reception.

Citizenship Gathering - Literacy -
Dec 23



Literacy Short Survey

There's still time for you to add your voice to our recent survey about children's literacy learning. Please use the link below or scan the QR Code to add your voice to this important discussion.

<https://forms.office.com/e/NPKkfxphSH>



School's Out Clovenfords

A reminder you can contact School's Out at: admin@schoolsoutclovenfords



Clothingfords

Clothingfords is available for you to come and browse at any time across the school day as well as during after school and evening events. Please do not be shy about coming in to use this great facility! There is a great mixture of good quality, used items, including clothes embroidered with the school badge; as well as brand new uniform kindly donated by Asda. Small donations are gratefully appreciated but not expected. Our goal is to provide you with good quality school uniforms free of charge. Please pop along when you can to use this great facility.

WANTED!

If you have any children's wellies that no longer fit and are in good condition we would love to have them for our hub. Thank you for the donations so far – keep them coming!

Communication

If your child will not be in school, it is important that you inform the school office by 9.00am. You can report absence by phone or email.

School office phone number: 01896 662755 **School office email:** clovenfordsps@scotborders.gov.uk

School Twitter (X) : @Clovenfords_ps

School website: [Clovenfords Primary School – Kindness, Respect, Honesty \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://Clovenfords Primary School – Kindness, Respect, Honesty (glowscotland.org.uk))