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End of November Newsletter

It seems like November has disappeared in a flash! Here are some of the things we got up to and our December Diary Dates at the back to help keep things smooth in the busy month ahead.

Active Schools

Well done and thank you to the netball team who played twice recently- firstly at Gala for the small schools competition on the very last day of October and again at Kelso High School in the Kelso schools competition. They played really well at both events and improved as each game went. They faced some tough competition at KHS in particular and both times they made it through to the semi-finals. Well done!



We have also been lucky to secure a block of badminton at the Wauchope Hall through November. We had a great group of 4 who developed their skills and seemed to enjoy the sessions.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair this year. It was great to have the large display cases back this year- it made it so much better for everyone to see what was on offer. We get commission back on what was spent so thank you- this money will go back into buying some new books to replace books that we use for studying in class/ homework that are past their best.



Bikes in the Playground

Thank you all for continuing to support us with this approach- we have really noticed a difference. The JRSO's plan to talk about the importance of helmets at assembly after Christmas and hopefully we will have our Police officer PC Tait-Logan out to visit us soon too.

Children in Need

On Thursday 14th we hosted a "come in your pajamas" day to help raise money for Children in Need, a charity event which the pupils picked themselves. We were blown away that our small school managed to raise £90 to donate to them- fantastic!

Remembrance

Orla, Isla and Mr Wilson represented the school at both the Kelso Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 10th and the Kelso High School service on Monday 11th November. The senior pupils did a great job of representing the school and demonstrated respect throughout. Carol Butler also wrote to the school after another successful Poppy Appeal to let us know that the school raised £19 this year. In her note she also let us know that she is retiring from the role after 27 years- what an achievement and I passed on thank on behalf of the school for her service.



Parents Evening

We had a fantastic turn-out for Parents Night this week (93% of families). We appreciate the chance to talk through your child's progress.

Attendance

Next week is the start of a new month which means attendance monitoring letters will be sent out. These are in line with the new SBC attendance policy (available on both the school website and the SBC website). We know that these can cause some frustration at times but please remember that they are automated and will trigger for any child who's attendance is less than 95%. We will try and avoid sending to families with specific, exceptional circumstances going on. If you would appreciate talking through attendance with Mr Wilson please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Diary Dates

Monday 2 December 2024 - St Andrew's Day (schools closed to pupils)

Tuesday 3 December 2024 – casual holiday (school closed to pupils)

Friday 20 December 2024 - Last day of term

Monday 23 December 2024 - Friday 3 January 2025- Christmas holidays

Monday 6 January 2025 - Term starts, all resume.

Friday 14 February 2025 - Last day of term for pupils

Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2025 - Mid-term break

Monday 24 February 2025 - In service day for all (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 25 February 2025 - All resume

Friday 4 April 2025 - Last day of term

Monday 7 April to Friday 18 April 2025 (Easter holidays)

Monday 21 April 2025 - Term starts.

Monday 5 May 2025 - May Day holiday, schools closed to all.

Tuesday 6 May 2025 - Staff resume, In service day (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 7 May 2025 - Pupils resume

Wednesday 25 June 2025 - Last day of term

Important Dates:

- Wednesday 4th December- flu vaccines
- Monday 16th December- Church service (all welcome)
- Thursday 12th December- Christmas show performance
- Tuesday 17th December- Christmas party
- Wednesday 18th December- Primary 1-7 outdoor learning- Christmas Special
- Thursday 19th December- Christmas Lunch



December Diary Dates

- Monday 9th December- ELC arts and crafts special with Mel McEwan
- Thursday 12th December- Christmas show performance at 2pm and 6pm (children come back at 5:50pm dressed in their costumes which they will have come home in from the afternoon performance). Entry by donation on the door. There will be a raffle on the door run by the Parent Council which will be drawn at each performance. We also have a special competition running on the day to win a brand-new ASUS laptop- tickets will be on sale all day- from the school office in the morning, at the afternoon show and again at the evening show before it is drawn- the money raised from this will be put towards the new playground Trim-Trail.
- Friday 13th December- ELC Christmas Party- see email communication from Mrs Pick.
- Monday 16th December- Church service (all welcome)- at the Church in Kirk Yetholm, starting at 9:15am. This is a great chance to come together and reflect on what Christmas is all about. The whole community is welcome so please spread the word!
- Tuesday 17th December- Christmas party- In the afternoon so children should bring their party clothes to school in a bag to change into after lunch. Snacks will be provided.
- Wednesday 18th December- Primary 1-7 outdoor learning- Christmas Special. Please make sure children come dressed appropriately for the weather!
- Wednesday 18th December- ELC parents welcome to join us in setting for coffee and songs from 2:15pm
- Thursday 19th December- Christmas Lunch. Children are welcome to wear something festive if they like (please remember that the pupil council are organising a swap-shop style clothing rail that will run throughout December. If you have something that your child has outgrown or no longer wants feel free to bring it in- this will hopefully help to reduce, reuse and recycle whilst keep costs down at a very busy time).

