



Braidwood Primary School December Newsletter 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our December newsletter. I can't quite believe we are at this time of year already! Christmas has well and truly arrived in Braidwood, and we have already taken part in some lovely activities which have added fun, sparkle and Christmas joy into school life. When the time comes, I hope you enjoy some festive fun with your friends and families. Thanks for all of your support during this school session. We'll see everyone back refreshed on Monday 9th January 2023.

Maths Week

Thank you Mrs Patterson for planning lots of fun learning activities for Maths Week. This year during maths week we were developing our knowledge and understanding of the importance of 'time and money'. The pupils had a super time!

'Making maths games about time for the P2s was great!' Harrison P7

'Using ipads to explore the different countries and price holidays was fun.' Isla H P5

'It was good fun running the train station and selling tickets.' Jessica R P3



Children In Need

Our House Captains led an excellent assembly explaining why we support Children in Need, and announced the winners of their art competition. We had a staff versus pupils blindfold Bake Off challenge! It was such good fun and there was real competition from everyone involved, they took it very seriously! Thank you Miss McBride for organising these activities. We made a donation from the school to the Children In Need Appeal.



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Book Week Scotland

During Book Week Scotland, the Primary 1, 2 and 3 pupils received their Book Bags. There are some fantastic activities in these bags and we would encourage you to use them at home. Our P6 Reading Ambassadors have been really busy encouraging pupils in school to read for enjoyment.



Parent Council

I'd like to say a big thank you to the Parent Council for continuing to help support our pupils. The Christmas Fayre was a huge success and it was lovely to see many of our families there. It brought a real Christmas buzz to the school! Thank you for coming along and joining the fun. A huge thanks to Jackie Connelly and Alison McMillan for setting up the event, and to our helpers who manned the stalls.

Online Safety

As a lot of pupils may be lucky enough to get mobiles, or new devices from Santa, we have been discussing how to stay safe online, and also how we should be behaving while online be it in gaming, or social media. Please discuss with your children safe and appropriate ways to interact with others online. Helpful resources for parents can be found on www.childnet.com



Christmas Parties

At the end of the newsletter you will find the dates for the Christmas parties. Pupils can get changed into their party clothes here in school, or you may wish them to come home for lunch that day. If on their party day your child is a home lunch, please note it in their diary. They can be collected from the main front door to go home at 12.15pm and come back for their party starting.



Winter Weather – Guidelines

Please see at the bottom of this newsletter the school's Adverse Weather Procedures. As the weather is particularly cold right now, it's helpful for pupils to have hats and gloves with them at school. It's also handy for them to have on boots or wellies on winter days, as we still go out to play in the snow which is good fun!

Thank you very much for all of your support this school term. It really is appreciated. I hope you have a healthy, happy and restful Christmas with your family when it comes.

Best wishes,

Gwen Sinclair

Mrs Gwen Sinclair
Head Teacher

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Dates for your Diary

DECEMBER

Wednesday 14th – School Christmas Lunch
Friday 16th – P3 Nativity Show 9.45am (P3 Parents invited)
Tuesday 20th - P5 and 6 Christmas Party 1.15pm
Wednesday 21st - P3 and 4 Christmas Party 1.15pm
Thursday 22nd – P1 and 2 Christmas Party 1.15pm
Friday 23rd December – School closes 2.30pm for holidays

JANUARY

Monday 9th – School Re-opens



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Adverse Weather Procedures

We are quickly approaching that time of year when the snow arrives! To ensure we are as prepared as we possibly can be, we have outlined below guidance on our procedures for adverse weather. These are fully in line with Operating Procedures as set out by South Lanarkshire Council.

I am sure you will appreciate that weather is unpredictable, decisions are made in conjunction with the local authority and always have pupil safety at the centre.

Adverse Weather Procedures:

- Schools are assumed **open** unless you are notified otherwise.
- We will tell you if the school is closed, there is no need to seek clarification.
- A decision will be made early in the morning using local knowledge of the weather, if the school is **closed** you will receive notice via the school twitter page, text message and the school website.
- Sometimes a delayed start of 10am will happen to allow staff and pupils to make a safe journey to school, and ensure we have the correct staff/pupil ratios. You would be notified of a delayed start via the school twitter page, text message and the school website.
- If the school is closed it will also state this on South Lanarkshire's website and Twitter feed. However there can be delay in this appearing.
- As a parent it is your decision to decide if the journey to school is too dangerous. If your child will not be in then please contact the school as you normally would if they were going to be absent.
- Occasionally pupils may need to be sent home due to emergency circumstances. If there is an early closure we will notify you throughout the day. This will usually be because of severe weather. **It is essential that emergency contacts are up to date.**
- If you are concerned about your child returning home safely please remember you can call the school and arrange to pick them up.
- In the case of severe weather overnight, bus and taxi operators take the decision whether or not to operate routes about 7.30am. They should notify you of their decision. Please liaise with them.

Decisions are made to ensure pupil safety and it is essential for the school and parents to work together to make this happen.

Kind regards,
Mrs Gwen Sinclair (Head Teacher)

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