



CARING FRIENDLY HARDWORKING



December

Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Preparations for Christmas



Christmas is coming to Cathkin. Our tree and decorations will be going up soon and many exciting events are planned. Please refer to our 'What's On' leaflet which outlines the events planned. There is also a list of Christmas events at the end of this newsletter. During the last two weeks of term, we will be holding our Nativity, Christmas Lunch, Christmas Fayre, Christmas Parties, Pantomime and Christmas

Service.

Christmas Coffee Morning

Parents/carers of pupils within our ASN department are invited on Thursday 5 December to a Christmas Coffee morning. We are hoping that this will be an opportunity for parents /carers of learners within our supported classes to network with one another and have an informal chat with Mrs Sistrunk and Mrs Cruickshanks who have day to day responsibility for leading and managing our ASN department and who are hosting this event.

Infant Nativity

Our infant nativity performances (supported by Primary 4) will take place on **Tuesday 10th December (pm) and Wednesday 11th December (am)**. Information regarding the allocation of tickets for this event has been sent out to Primary 1 to Primary 4 parents/carers via parentsportal.

Christmas Lunch



Our Christmas lunch will be served on **Wednesday 11th December 2024**.

Information regarding the menu choice has been sent out to parents/carers. Please ensure that your child has indicated their menu choice.

Parents' Forum Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will take place on **Thursday 12th December 2024**. All members of our school community are welcome to attend. The timing of the event is as follows:

Supported Classes and their parents/carers - **from 2:15pm**

All other classes, parents/carers and wider school community - **from 3:00pm**

There will be a variety of external stalls as well as stalls run by the parents' forum. Our children have been working on making their own Christmas crafts which their parents/carers can also purchase.

We will also have our Christmas Raffle prizes. Tickets will be on sale both prior to and at the Fayre. The Christmas Fayre will end at **4:30pm**.

Christmas Jumper Day

Our 'Christmas Jumper' day will also be held on **Thursday 12th December 2024**. Pupils and staff are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper or hat etc to school. There is no charge for this event.

Nursery Nativity

This will take place on Friday 13 December (am). We look forwards to welcoming family and friends of our youngest pupils to this event.

Festive Friday Event

Parents/carers of learners within our supported classes are invited to our ASN department's 'Festive Friday' event on Friday 13 December at 2:15pm. Classes are planning a festive activity for parents/carers to join in with. Classes within our department will also record a short festive video which will be shared with their parents/carers via learning journals prior to the Christmas holidays.

Pantomime - East Kilbride Village Theatre.



Our trip to see 'A Cracking Christmas Carol' at East Kilbride Village Theatre will take place on **Wednesday 18th December 2024**. The trip will cost **£4** per pupil. We would be grateful if this payment could be made via parentsportal - Thank you. **Please ensure that your child wears their full school uniform.** We have a good supply of school sweatshirts in various sizes available.

This year the Pantomime is a morning performance, so it is vitally important that pupils attending the Pantomime arrive to school on time. **Pupils who are attending the pantomime do not need to bring an additional snack as a small snack will be provided for each child during the interval.**

In order to accommodate space for the coaches required to safely transport pupils and staff back from the village theatre there may be limited capacity for car parking at the start of the school day. We would appreciate, where possible, if parents/carers could park outwith the school grounds. Please remind your child of the importance of being a ready, respectful and responsible pupil during our trip to the Pantomime.

If your child uses an inhaler or has any allergies then please ensure that all medication currently in use is handed into the school office and the paperwork giving consent for staff to administer medication, if required, is completed. All medication required by pupils and all emergency contact information will be taken on our trip.

Christmas Show - Singing Hands

We are pleased to announce that this year, our learners within our ASN department will have an opportunity to watch a recording of the Singing Hands Christmas Show. This performance will be available for all our ASN classes to individually stream and watch in December. The show features an eclectic mix of favourite festive rhymes and some Christmas pop song. We hope that our learners will enjoy this as part of this year's planned Christmas activities in our ASN department.

Christmas Service

Our Christmas Service will take place on **Monday 16th December at 1:50pm at the school**. Parents/carers are welcomed to attend this service as we celebrate the Christmas season.

Please note that the school will close for the Festive period on Friday 20th December 2024 at 2:30pm. The school will re-open in the new year on Monday 6th January 2025 at 9 am.



Christmas Parties

Each class will hold their Christmas party and each child can wear 'party clothes' on their party day. We also hope to welcome a very special visitor to our infant department.

Friday 13 th December	P6 - Room 8 P6 - Room 9	P7 - Room 7
Tuesday 17 th December	Nursery P1- Room 3 Room 1 Room 2 Room 4A	P2/1 - Room 4 Room 4B Room 10 Room 11 Room 12
Thursday 19 th Dec	P3 - Room 5 P4 - Room 6	P5 - Room 9

Parents/Carers in Playground

Just a reminder to parents/carers who are dropping off their children at the main playground gates: We would appreciate if parents/carers leave their child at the gate and allow their child to walk into the playground on their own. Parents/carers should refrain from walking with their child into the playground. The school janitor is present at the gate so there is no requirement for parents/carers to walk beyond this point.

Smoking within the school grounds

Please be advised that smoking within the school grounds and within your vehicle whilst driving or parked within our school grounds is not permitted. This includes e-cigarettes. We would be grateful if all smokers adhere to this advice in line with South Lanarkshire Policy.

Emergency Closure Planning

In the event of extreme weather conditions, fire or heating failure the school may need to close. Please discuss alternative pick up arrangements with your child. In **deep snow** we may have to deny vehicular access to our car park. This may cause disruption on Burnside Road. Please be considerate to the residents living in the school vicinity. Due to the road incline on exit from the school car park the gates will remain open. **Please take care when driving in icy conditions.**



Infant Registration w/c 6th January 2024 (online registration)



After the Christmas break, we will be preparing to register our new starts for August 2025. If you know of anyone who will be five years of age between 1st March 2025 and 28th February 2026 and live in our catchment area, please let them know the date when registration is planned. Please note that the online P1 registration form will go live from **Monday 6th January 2025**. The registration form is available on the

SLC website [Enrolling your child for school - South Lanarkshire Council](#).

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions regarding any aspect of your child's progress at school, then please do not hesitate to contact myself, or a member of our school leadership team by email or telephone:

Email: gw14cathkinpsoffice@glow.sch.uk

Tele: 0141 634 4569

Christmas Events

We would like to remind you of the following events:

Singing Hands Christmas Show	Throughout Dec (ASN classes)
Coffee Morning (ASN)	Thurs 5 th Dec (am)
Infant Nativity	Tues 10 th Dec (pm) and Wed 11 Dec (am)
Christmas Lunch	Wed 11 th Dec
Christmas Fayre	Thurs 12 th Dec
Christmas Jumper Day	Thurs 12 th Dec
Nursery Nativity	Fri 13 th Dec (am)
Festive Friday (ASN)	Fri 13 th Dec from 2:15pm
Christmas Parties	See table above
Christmas Service	Mon 16 th Dec(pm)
Pantomime - 'A Cracking Christmas Carol'	Wed 18 th Dec (am)
School closes for holidays	Fri 20th Dec (2:30pm)

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
and Happy New Year !

Noreen Black

Head Teacher



['Working together to nurture every child providing opportunities for them to grow and achieve; a stepping-stone to their future.'](#)