



# Chatelherault Primary Newsletter November 2022



**Aiming high and working together we can achieve our potential in a happy, supportive and inclusive school.**

## Christmas Events



Once again, we have an action packed Christmas Programme for our children in the month of December. To start our festivities, we have our Christmas Community Walk on 1<sup>st</sup> December ... children can wear Santa Hats and Christmas jumpers, if they wish. The children will go for a walk around the Silvertonhill area spreading good cheer and you might even hear the odd Ho Ho Ho along the way.

Our Christmas Fair is being held during the day and is for children only. A variety of crafts, activities, festive games and stalls will be available. Many of the games will be free. Back by popular demand and always a firm favourite with the children is the Tombola and Raffle. Could we ask for donations for the Children's Tombola to be sent into school either on the 1<sup>st</sup> December or before. We would welcome sweets, chocolate, unwanted gifts etc.



Our nativity rehearsals are well under way, the singing is just beautiful, and I know many of the children are busy learning their lines at home. The tickets will be going on sale on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov via ParentPay and are initially limited to 4 per family. Any unsold tickets will be available to purchase from Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. The ticket costs £2.50.

Classes across the school are beginning to think about our Christmas Extravaganza Event which will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9.30am and then be repeated at 11.00 am. A fabulous morning of song, sharing Christmas cheer and a wee opportunity to view a small selection of crafts on sale from each of our enterprising classes. It is a relaxed occasion the hall is set up with tables and chairs so you can relax and enjoy a tea/coffee and either a mince pie or a famous Mr O'Neill pancake. The concert will be opened by the choir and then each class will then entertain us with a song or two. Many of our supported classes will showcase their in-class Christmas activities on screen. The finale will be our whole school joining together on the stage for a final Christmas song. The cost for tickets is £1.00 (includes a tea/coffee and cake). This is a very popular event, and we are therefore initially limiting tickets to 2 per family with ticket sales closing ParentPay on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. Any unsold tickets will then be available on a first come basis after 30<sup>th</sup> Nov when they will be added as a new item on ParentPay.

Our parties take place in the last week of term and there will be a special visitor popping in to see the children at our Infant Party. The children will take part in social dancing, games and there will be a drink and snack provided. Children can come to school in their party clothes, or you can send them in with your child in the morning and a member of staff will offer help, if needed.

## Staffing Update

Mrs Benson has now started her maternity leave and we are looking forward to announcing the latest addition to our Chatelherault family very soon. Mrs Dunbar will be finishing for her maternity leave on

16<sup>th</sup> Dec as she wanted to wait until after the nativity. We have had several cover teachers in school over the last few weeks and where we can we have tried to ensure consistency within the classes. As soon as we have a further update, we will let the classes involved know, but should you have any concerns or questions please just contact the school.

In January we are hoping to have all our School Support Assistants in post, and this will include the two members of staff who will be supervising the Breakfast Club. We are delighted! Alison Smith our Support Services Co-ordinator is aiming to confirm the exact date over the next few weeks and we will let you know the date of the breakfast club restarting as soon as we have it. Until the Breakfast Club is up and running, we will continue with the Grab and Go toast service. Thank you for your patience I know that many families rely on our Breakfast Club.

### Dates for Your Diary

DATE	TIME	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30 am	Supported Classes Drop In
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9.30 am	Christmas Jumper Community Walk
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	All Day	Christmas Fair (Children only event)
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30 am /11.00 am	Christmas Extravaganza (Parents Event)
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30 am	Infant Nativity
	2.00 pm	Nursery Nativity
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.20 pm	Christmas Party – Rm 13,14,6,7,8, and P3 Rm 12
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.20 pm	Christmas Party – Rm 15,17,18,11,10
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	1.20 pm	Christmas Party – Rm 1, 3, 5, 2, 4 and P2 Rm 12
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	1.30 pm	Nursery Party
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	2.30 pm	School Closes for Christmas Holiday
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00 am	School Re-opens