



Chatelherault Primary Newsletter November 2025



Aiming high and working together within a safe, inclusive, happy and supportive school.

November's Right of the Month is Article 5:

Children have the right to appropriate guidance from parents and carers as they grow and develop.

UNCRC Rights Respecting GOLD ACREDITATION

We are delighted to confirm that our school has been successful in securing our re-accreditation for our Gold status. A huge thank you to the parents, staff and pupils who helped make it all possible. In school Miss Jamieson and Mrs Lochhead met with the inspector and showcased our amazing work, well done.

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 1st 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. Thank you to the parents who have already sent in items for the Tombola, it is much appreciated.

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 1st Dec. The ticket costs £3 and includes tea/coffee and biscuit.

Our Infant Support classes Movie Magic for rooms 5, 4, 6 will be showcased on Wednesday 17th December at 10 am and we look forward to welcoming parents along to the premier of this fabulous movie.

Classes across the school are beginning to rehearse for our Christmas Extravaganza Event which will take place on Friday 12th Dec at 9.15 am and then be repeated at 11.00 am. A fabulous morning of song, sharing Christmas cheer and a wee opportunity to meet other parents and have a catch up between the songs. It is a relaxed occasion the hall is set up with tables and chairs so you can enjoy a tea/coffee and either a piece of shortbread 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 on ParentPay on Mon 8th Dec. Any unsold tickets will then be available on a first come basis after this date, when they will be added 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.

Early Bird Plus

In January we will be offering the Early Bird Plus programme for our parents within the mainstream (Tuesday morning) and our Supported Classes (Thursday morning). The Early Bird Plus Parenting Programme is designed to support parents and carers of primary school aged children who either have a diagnosis of autism or awaiting diagnosis.

What is Early Bird Plus?

- A structured programme developed by the **National Autistic Society**.
- Helps families understand autism and develop practical strategies to support their child at home and in school.
- Focuses on **communication, behaviour management, and building positive relationships**.

Programme Structure

- Usually runs for 6 **weeks**.
- Delivered in **small groups** to encourage sharing experiences.

Benefits for Parents

- Better understanding of autism and how it affects their child.

- Strategies for managing behaviour and supporting communication.
- Opportunity to connect with other families for peer support.

If you would like to attend the six week programme please contact the school or complete the return in Parent Portal.

Dates for Your Diary

DATE	TIME	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Wed 19 th – Fri 21 st Nov	All Day	Calvert Trust, Lake District Residential Trip, supported classes.
Fri 21 st Nov		Dress Down Day Donation for the Tombola
Fri 28 th Nov		Literacy Folders Home – Please complete the HomeLink sheet inside the folder
Mon 1 st Dec		Christmas Jumper Walk (all classes) Please bring chocolate or sweets for the Tombola
Fri 5 th Dec	Morning	Christmas Fair – Christmas Jumpers
Tues 9 th Dec		Christmas Lunch – Jumpers can be worn
Fri 12 th Dec	9.15 am / 11.00 am	Christmas Extravaganza – Christmas Jumpers
Mon 15 th Dec	1.20 pm	Senior Party Rm 17, Rm 15, Rm 7, Rm 16
Tues 16 th Dec	9.30 am 2.00 pm	Infant Nativity Nursery Nativity
Wed 17 th Dec	1.20 pm 10.00 am	Junior Area Party Rm 12, Rm 13, Rm 14, Rm 10, Rm 11, Rm 8 Supported Class Nativity Movie Magic P1-P3. Rm 5, Rm 6, Rm 4
Thurs 18 th Dec	1.20 pm	Infant Area Party Rm 1, Rm 3, Rm 5, Rm 6 and Rm 4 Nursery Party (In the Playroom)
Fri 19 th Dec	2.30 pm	Close for Christmas Holidays
Mon 5 th Jan	9.00 am	School re-opens.

**We are looking forward to welcoming you into our school
over our Festivities**