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Welcome to our November newsletter. We hope you enjoy finding out about how fabulous High Mill Primary School is!

#### COMMUNICATION

We strive to keep parents/carers informed as much as possible. We currently use Newsletters, the School App and ParentsPortal to keep you up to date and to gain your views. We also have regular opportunities to meet with parents through parents nights, reports and informal discussions at the school gate, over the phone or through Google Classroom. Also, follow us on X (previously twitter) for regular updates @highmillprimary where we will be giving photo updates which are also linked to the **News** section in the school app.

To ensure you don't miss out go to your App. Store and search for 'School App for Parents'.

USERNAME: **HMPS**

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**When asked, select ALLOW to receive notifications.**

Mrs Hughes is

continuing to refresh our school website. We will update you with this very soon!

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#### ATTENDANCE

It is vital that your child is here at school and on time. Lateness and absences not only impacts on your child's ability to learn to the best of their potential, but also impacts on their chance to make friends and create healthy relationships and attachments with peers and staff in school. If you require support with this, please contact Mrs Cairns.

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY

This year, we commemorated Remembrance by creating a whole-school art display. The fabulous work that the children have created is now on display.



#### ST. ANDREW'S DAY

##### Friday 29th November

We will be celebrating St. Andrew's Day with special activities and experiences, including a dress-in-tartan or dress down day! Children are invited to dress down, or wear tartan if they wish. A donation of chocolate for the chocolate stall at our Christmas Fayre can be brought in. Chocolate can be big or small but please make sure that it is in date! We will also be holding a St Andrews assembly for the children where they will have the opportunity to win more house points.

#### PARENT COUNCIL

As previously mentioned on our School App, our Parent Council raised a fabulous £82.73 from the Halloween Discos which will go towards our entry in Carluke Gala Day June 2025.

They also raised a whopping £685 from the recent Tesco Bag packing. In doing so they have contributed £300 towards IDL spelling intervention, led by Miss Gardiner and currently being implemented within Rooms 3 & 4. They have also kindly donated £150 towards play resources within Rooms 1 & 2 as well as £100 towards resourcing our daily nurture sessions 'Nurture Breakfast' and 'Snack and Chat'.

We have been overwhelmed with the volume of support for organising and running these events and want to extend a massive thank you to everyone who is dedicating their skills and time to raise school funds.

#### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our next Parent Council event is the Christmas Fayre.

This is Thursday the 5th December from 5.00-8.30pm.

Our pupils are making crafts to sell and there will be many stalls and activities to take part in. Please come along and support our school and our community as well as spreading some festive cheer!



#### ADVERSE WEATHER

In the event of snow or ice, a path from the main pedestrian entrance to the school gate will be treated with salt as well as the main entrance to the school: children should continue accessing the school via the playground gate as normal. If we feel the playground is too dangerous to be used, we will not open those gates: all users should then access the school using the main entrance only.



All emergency contact numbers should be up to date. It is very

important that we can reach you if we decide to close the school. We never make this decision lightly and it may be that it is safer to keep your children in school until the weather clears a little.

If the decision to close is made before the school day begins, **we will notify parents through the school app** which is our main form of communication. Please ensure you, and those who care for your children **download the app now**. We may also update media outlets such as X. School closures are also posted on South Lanarkshire Council's website and X feed. It may also be that we opt for a delayed opening. If this is the case, we will inform you of the time your child should be brought to school: please do not bring them before the stated time. This allows the staff to get to school safely.

In adverse weather, it is also highly likely that the school car park will be closed: if possible, please try to walk to school or park safely in surrounding streets. The main entrance must be kept clear for school transport and emergency vehicles. In the event of adverse weather, please do not call the school directly as there may not be anyone to answer your call – look out for an app message, and keep checking the SLC X feed.

#### CHRISTMAS SHOW

A massive thank you to Miss Butler & Miss Gardiner who have started show rehearsals. Please keep your eyes peeled for when and how to purchase tickets.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT High Mill Primary School

## ROOM 1 Primary 3/2/1

Miss Thorpe and Room 1 have enjoyed using technology and concrete materials to help reinforce number and letter recognition in a fun and engaging way! They have also been using our pupil led



learning and creativity skills to create their own fabulous maths games.

## ROOM 2 Primary 4/3

Room 2 have enjoyed working with Miss Hunter. They have learned about friendship, discussing their similarities and differences, kindness, trust and respect. They created a wool web to show all the different ways we are similar. They also created a kindness tree that we will be adding positive words to each week.



## Room 3 Primary 6/5/4

Room 3 have been working hard on subtraction in Numeracy lessons and are showing confidence when using the standard written method. In ICT we have been enjoying creating animations and are learning to code our own games and patterns using Scratch.



## ROOM 4 Primary 7/6

Miss Scott and the Primary 7/6 children have been working on descriptive writing. They have looked at different author's and their use of figurative language and strong adjectives. To further enhance their learning the pupils used AI, digital technology and outdoor learning to create their own poems.



## SCOTTISH BOOK WEEK

Our children have been sharing their love of reading this week as well as sharing their favourite stories with others. Have a look at our book recommendations on our playground fence—thank you Miss Thorpe!

## CLUBS & SPORTING EVENTS

A thank you to Mrs Lavery and Active Schools for getting our lunchtime and after school clubs up and running. Our children have also had many opportunities to take part in Carluke sporting events already. These include multi-sports, choir, football, athletics and Taekwondo. Keep your eyes peeled for fabulous opportunities coming your way!

## P7 SPONSORED LITTER PICK

Our Primary 7 children are contributing to their local community by completing a sponsored litter pick in order to raise funds for their Primary 7 hoodies. If you would like to sponsor them, please contact the school office.

## Christmas Countdown!

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER		
DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON
25 M	Bookbug session 11am reschool children welcome	
26 T		
27 W		
28 T	Outdoor Learning Room 3 session 1 of 3	
29 F	Dress down for chocolate/tartan St Andrews Celebration in school	School Christmas Decorations up—yippee!
30 S		
1 S		
2 M	School Sparkle Squad start in-school Christmas post Christmas jumper can be worn from today Bookbug session 11am preschool children welcome	
3 T		
4 W	Sportshall Athletics session 3 of 3	
5 T	Outdoor Learning Room 3 session 2 of 3	Parent Council Christmas Fayre 5.00-8.30pm
6 F	Primary 7 sponsored litter pick	
7 S		
8 S		
9 M	Bookbug session 11am preschool children welcome	P7 sponsor forms and donations due to school
10 T		Christmas show dress rehearsal for community by invite
11 W	Christmas Lunch—see ParentsPortal to order Outdoor Learning Room 3 session 3 of 3	
12 T		Christmas Show; tickets available soon
13 F	Christmas Show; tickets available soon	
14 S		
15 S		
16 M	Christmas Extravaganza Day; in-school Christmas fun day	
17 T		
18 W		P4-7 Christmas Party
19 T		P1-3 Christmas Party
20 F		Schools close at 2.30pm