



Co-operation Courage Respect Responsibility Resilience

"Learn and discover, care for each other"

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the end of another busy term comes to a close, I have the following news items to share -

P6 & P7 Enterprise Christmas Fair

A reminder that pupils in P6 & P7 will be holding an enterprise Christmas Fair on Wednesday morning. All pupils will have the opportunity to visit and, if they wish, buy Christmas items made by our senior pupils from the various stalls. Please see attached flyer made by our pupils.

Christmas School Lunch

Christmas lunch for pupils will be on **Wednesday at Balfron High**. Choices for that day can be pre-ordered by parents in the usual way or chosen on the day by pupils in class.

Red – traditional Christmas lunch

Green - vegetarian Christmas lunch

End of Term Church Service

This year's Christmas service will be led by our P4 pupils on Friday morning at 9:45am in Balfron Church. Parents are invited to attend and should sit in the balcony.

Lunches Friday 22nd December

Our school term ends for all pupils at **12.45pm** except for those who go home by bus or taxi.

Children can bring a packed lunch to school or alternatively they can choose a cheese or ham sandwich on Parent Pay.

Green – Cheese Sandwich

Red – Ham Sandwich

As usual, there will be no early home lunches for any pupils.

P1 enrolment

Arrangements for enrolling pupils to start P1 in August 2024 are attached to today's newsletter and access to the online enrolment can be made by using the link below

<https://www.stirling.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/enrol-your-child-at-school/>

We will be holding an information session for parents of all children able to start P1 next session. The 'Thinking About P1' evening will be held on Tuesday 12th March at 7:00pm in the primary school.

Gold Sport Award

At the beginning of December, four pupils from P6 and P7 represented our school for the presentation of our second Gold Sport Award flag. Lucy Harrower, Michael Johnstone, Chloe Wright and Charlie Anderson took part in the event at Balfron High School, along with all other local schools.

Clubs

This term a group of P6 and P7 girls took part in a very successful STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) Club with Mrs Carey. A range of activities were completed over the six weeks culminating in using microbits to make pedometers.

P3 chess club ran each Monday lunch time earlier this term, while more than 30 pupils from across P6 and P7 have taken part in different fun football festivals or individual matches against other schools. Football will now take a break until the spring.

Scots Songs Winners

Well done to everyone across P2, P3 and P4 who performed at the Tolbooth Scots Song concert earlier this month. Pupils were very enthusiastic on their return while feedback from teachers and parents point to the success of the overall project.

Boccia

Six boys from P7 represented our school at a Boccia sports event at Balforn High School run by Active Stirling. Cameron Montague, James Youens, Cameron Ward, Michael Johnstone, Kaz Ozturk and Kevin Woods formed two teams to compete against other local schools on the target based sport.

Parenting Project

A series of free online courses are available for parents across Scotland, with the focus of understanding your child including –

- pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby
- baby
- child (0-19 years)
- child with additional needs
- teenager's brain

If interested please go to www.inourplace.co.uk with access code TARTAN

"Balforn Cares"



Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously towards two recent "Balforn Cares" Christmas projects. Great support was shown to both Glasgow's Spirit of Christmas and the Reverse Advent - Start Up Stirling, with all donated items now having been sent away by school to reach families in time for Christmas.



The next 'Balforn Cares' activity will be a Stalls from Home Day on Friday 2nd February. Please note it is expected that only some children will want to organise a stall and part of the organisation will involve each pupil group having an identified parent, who will be responsible for the cash and arranging to get this to the identified charity and advising the school of the monies raised.

And Finally

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for the huge support and encouragement that is given to our school everyday. I hope that parents, pupils and staff have an enjoyable and safe Christmas holiday.

Yours sincerely

Angus Black

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Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

December		
Wednesday 20 th	Christmas lunch P1-P7	
Wednesday 20 th	Nursery Christmas Party	1:00pm
Wednesday 20 th	Parent Council P4-P7 Disco Bingo	6:30pm – 8:30pm in McLintock Hall
Thursday 21 st	P1 & P2 Christmas Party	1:30pm
Friday 22 nd	Christmas Church Service - P4 leading	Whole school and families 9:45am in Balfron Church
Friday 22 nd	End of Term	12:45pm
Monday 25 th – Friday 5 th January	Holiday	School closed to pupils and staff
January		
Monday 8 th	New Term	8:55am
Tuesday 9 th	Active Stirling Taster – P2 football	9:15am
February		
Friday 2 nd	“ Balfron Cares ” Stalls From Home Day	
Thursday 8 th	P6 Ardroy Information Evening	6:30pm
Monday 12 th – Tuesday 13 th	Staff Development Days	School closed to pupils
Wednesday 14 th – Friday 16 th	Local holidays	School closed to pupils and staff
March		
Friday 1 st	Whole P6 Assembly	1:45pm
Monday 4 th – Friday 8 th	P6 residential to Ardroy	
Tuesday 12 th	Thinking About P1 – Parent Information Evening	7:00pm
Wednesday 20 th	Parents’ Evening	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday 21 st	Parents’ Evening	3:30pm – 6:00pm