



Borestone Primary School Newsletter



December 2017

Dates for your diary:

December

1st—Whole school
Panto at MacRobert
4th—Parent Council Meeting
7pm
8th—Senior Citizens Christmas Concert 9.30am
11th—Nursery Christmas
Fayre 11-12
12th—Whole school Christmas Concert 1.30pm
13th—Whole school Christmas Concert 9.30am (repeat)
13th—P3 & P4 party pm
14th—P5 & P5/4 party pm
14th—Nursery Christmas
Fayre 2.30-3.30
18th—Christmas service P4
9.30am
18th—P1 Xmas party pm
19th—P2 & P3/4 Xmas party
pm
20th—Nursery Xmas party am
& pm
21st—P7 & P6 Xmas party pm
22nd—End term, school closes 1.30pm

January

Active Travel to School
tracking all month
First 2 weeks—Scottish
focus, Scottish Poetry
15th—Parent Council
Meeting 7pm
19th—P3 class assembly,
Celebrating Success
Week beginning 22nd—
Nursery Multicultural week
26th—Scottish Poetry
Competition

*Information for full year is on
calendar handed out in August.
This is also available on
our website.*

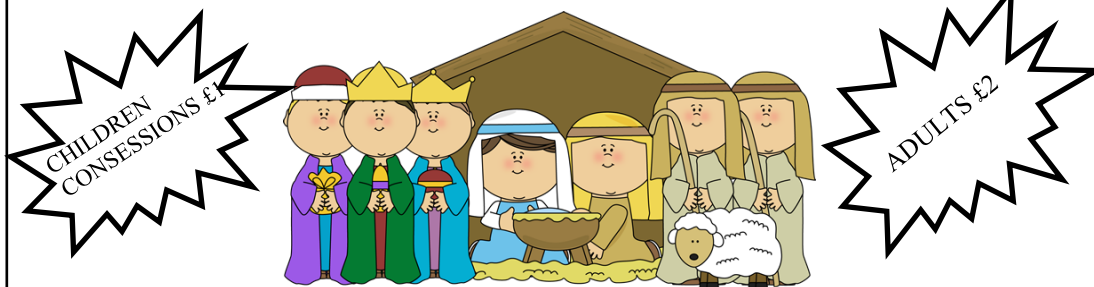
Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our December Newsletter. There is a real buzz around the school this month as we prepare for our festive concerts and service. Our Christmas postbox is situated in the main foyer outside the office and is ready for pupils to send their cards to one another. Can we ask that you ensure that the recipients name is clearly identified on the front of each envelope alongside the correct class. P7s will sort and deliver cards to the classes every couple of days.

As the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year can we also ask that pupils arrive in school with a warm jacket, hat and gloves.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Christmas Concerts



Children have been hard at work preparing for their Christmas concerts and are really looking forward to sharing their super singing with you on Tuesday 12th December at 1.30pm and Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am. Due to an increasing school roll we have taken the decision to offer two concerts this year. Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 5th December from the school office.

Two tickets per family are available initially, and any remaining tickets will be available from Friday 8th December.

All attending the concert need a ticket, including pre-school children.

On Friday 8th December, we will be holding our Senior Citizens concert at 9.30am. We would like to welcome any grandparents to this performance, which is our dress rehearsal for our main concert on Tuesday 12th December. Following the concert, there will be teas, coffees and mince pies for senior citizens only. Tickets are free for senior citizens at this concert, but we need an indication of numbers for catering purposes. If grandparents have not had an invitation for the concert, please see Clare at the school office so she can add names to the list. Tickets will be available from the school office from Tuesday 5th December.

Afternoon and all day Tuesday nursery children will be performing at concert at 1.30pm on Tuesday 12th December. Morning children will be performing in the 9.30am concert on Wednesday 13th December.

If you have a preschool child, feel they may have difficulty managing the busy concert on 12th and 13th and would prefer to attend the quieter morning concert on Friday 8th December, you can buy a ticket for you and your child for this one instead.

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Nursery News

Nursery children and staff would like to send a huge thank you to the Parent Council for their £300 donation, which will go a long way towards contributing to various celebrations and parties throughout the coming year and for Christmas presents.

Also, a big thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to our AM Powerful Play event on Tuesday 28th November; fun was definitely the order of the day. We have a PM session coming up (times below), for those that could not make it and we hope to see lots of our nursery families and friends there.

We have a fun and exciting time planned for December, so here are some dates for the diary:

December:

4th- (6.15-7pm) - Mindfulness Workshop with Mrs Keating and Mrs McFarlane. Taking place in the school.

5th- AM visit to Christmas Pantomime at the MacRobert (10.00 to 11.00am). *Coach leaves at 9.15am*

7th- PM visit to Christmas Pantomime at the MacRobert (1.45 to 2.45pm). *Coach leaves at 1.00pm*

8th- Senior Citizens Concert (9.30am).
Powerful Play Event (2.00-3.30pm).

11th- Christmas Fayre, in the Nursery 11-12pm

14th- Christmas Fayre, in the Nursery at 2.30pm.

15th- Wild About Scotland Bus (school and nursery)

20th- Nursery Christmas Parties (1 each am & pm)

21st- Last day of term.

Christmas Activities

We have been working hard practising our Christmas songs, and will be sharing our fabulous singing with you on Tuesday 12th (1.30pm) and Wednesday 13th December (9.30am) at the Christmas Concerts. Tickets available from school foyer from 5th December.

We are looking for kind donations for our Christmas raffle to be drawn at the end of our Christmas Fayre on 14th December. Anything you may be able to spare can be put in the box in the main nursery entrance and would be gratefully received.

Current Nursery Play/Learning Themes

We have great interest in hairdressers just now, so the children have their own salon where they can book appointments and style their friends' hair... some of the staff also had a re-style! After having your hair styled, what better way to relax than with a trip to McDonalds. The children set up their own McDonalds with the large construction blocks, complete with serving hatch and price lists. Keen to have true environmental print signs, the children found and printed some from the internet and used these for their shop.



'Beautiful, Mrs Poole!'

Take Your Partners!

A group of pupils from P3 and P4 recently attended the Active Stirling Country Dancing Festival at The Peak. A live ceilidh band performed a range of dances from the Gay Gordons to The Flying Scotsman.



The event was attended by nearly 200 children from across Stirling with the Borestone country dancing after school club confidently demonstrating The Cumberland Reel to the entire audience!



Everyone enjoyed the experience although there were lots of tired legs by the end of the afternoon.

"It was the best day out ever!" Danielle

"I didn't like dancing before but I had so much fun" Aiden

Viking Raiders!

P3/2 and P3 have been learning lots about the Vikings this term. Although the Vikings settled in Scotland over 1000 years ago the children have discovered historical evidence can give us clues about their houses, long-ships, clothes and even what they ate!

"Archaeologists dig up things from the past. They find things the Vikings left behind". Laura

David Smith from the Smith Art Gallery and Museum visited both classes to share his knowledge of Viking artefacts.

The children were delighted to hear Vikings never settled in Stirling because the wolf of Stirling foiled their attack however they were equally glad to hear there are no wolves in Stirling now!



Parent Council

Dear Borestone Parent,

A big thank you once again to all the parents, pupils and staff who have supported Borestone Parent Council over the last month.

Christmas card orders were distributed out to children last week and we are now looking forward to this year's Christmas Concert and Nativity, where we will be running our annual Christmas Raffle. Of course, there are 2 concerts this year, so that will mean 2 separate raffles. We have had some great donations again this year from local businesses. We would be very grateful for any donations to add to our raffle e.g. tins biscuits / chocolates / bottles etc. Please hand all donations in to the school office. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards the cost of paying for the coaches for our whole school trip to the MacRobert Pantomime 'Chick Whittington'.

In other news, we have been doing some thinking about a Borestone Climbing Club, and our plans to progress this are underway. A number of parent volunteers have received training from ClimbScotland and are now volunteering their time to set up a Borestone Climbing Club. One of our parents has been running Fab Friday Climbing sessions at school this term. We hope to be able to offer further climbing opportunities for children and families from the Borestone community over the coming months. Watch this space for more details.

Our next parent council Meeting is this Monday, 4th December, 7pm in school – everyone is welcome to come along and join our discussion.

Thank you,

Lucy Fraser

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Sports Leaders

Well done to our P6 and P5/4 Sports Leaders who recently ran a session on racquet skills for our P3 and P3/2 classes. They had worked for a number of weeks with Mrs Nuttall to develop activities to share with the younger pupils and delivered these with confidence.



Cluster Cross Country

On Thursday 30th November, a group of Primary 6/7 pupils represented Borestone Primary in the Cluster Cross Country Championships at Kings Park. In the weeks leading up to the event, the pupils have shown great commitment and effort during their preparation, in challenging conditions. The hard work has really paid off and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done to all the pupils that participated, you all ran fantastically well!!



Wild About Scotland Bus

The Wild About Scotland bus will be visiting on Friday 15th December. The Nursery will be hearing the story of Polly the Puffin and Primary 7 will be learning about Endangered Animals, all on the bus itself. The rest of the school, P1-6, will have an assembly in the Hall, all about the Bonnie Beasts of Scotland.

The First Minister's Reading Challenge

Some classes have started the First Minister's Reading Challenge. Have you started yet? (Peyton, P4)

We are trying to read as many books as we can. My favourite book is Beauty and the Beast. (Rachel, P4)

You can record lots of different texts in your reading passport. For example, when someone who speaks a different language comes up on television and you read the words you can count this towards the First Minister's Reading Challenge. (Reuben, P3)

We will be holding monthly competitions. This month we are looking for 'Readers of the Month'. The pupils who read the most books in the month of December from each class will have their photo displayed in the library alongside the title of their favourite book read. The winners will be announced in January.

The Reading community group is in the process of adopting some reading games and activities to be used throughout the school. One is 'Stop, Drop & Read'. When the teacher says "Stop drop and read" you stop what you are doing and read a book. (Ellie P5/4)

Each class will also have a dare jar and every Monday a different pupil will choose a new dare. For example one of the dares will be you have to read 3 pages in 5 minutes. Do it if you dare! (Charlie P3 and Lewis P7H)

Keep reading!

Learning in P5

Primary 5/4 worked in small groups to complete a rocket challenge.

The rules were:

- ☐ It must look like a rocket
- ☐ It must be free standing
- ☐ Only cardboard and sellotape can be used.

During the challenge the children demonstrated many of the school values, fairness, respect, responsibility and co-operation



Winter Vomiting Bug

Norovirus, which causes diarrhoea and vomiting, is one of the most common stomach bugs in the UK. It's also called the winter vomiting bug because it's more common in winter, although you can catch it at any time of the year.

Norovirus can spread very easily, so remind children to wash their hands regularly. Children should stay off school until at least 48 hours after the symptoms have cleared to reduce the risk of passing it on.

You can find out more on:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus>

Several children have recently been unwell in school, and we have had incidences of children returning to work the day after they have been sick or coming to school reporting they have been sick during the night.

Whilst we want to promote good attendance, it's important that we minimise risk of spread to others, both children and staff.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



Read, Write, Count

As part of Scottish Book Week, the school ran Read, Write, Count sessions for parents and children in P1 to P3. Read, Write, Count gives parents ideas for incorporating reading, writing and numeracy into everyday life with their child.

Each child received a Read, Write, Count bag containing a selection of books, games and other helpful resources. The sessions were well attended and everyone had fun exploring the contents of their pack.



READ
WRITE
COUNT Together
it's fun