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Dear Parents and Carers,

Winter is fast approaching and we have had some rather wet and windy weather. Thank you for sending children to school in appropriate footwear and with warm and waterproof jackets. If your child is wearing wellies or heavy boots such as snow boots, please put some indoor shoes in their bag to change into.

### **Have Your Say**

Stirling Council are in the process of identifying saving proposals to close a budget gap of at least £13m for 2024-2025. This stark financial challenge is one that all councils are facing, but that does not make the hard choices any easier.

Staff have been working within services to identify where we can make savings, reduce costs by doing things differently.

It is important to note that these are saving proposals - no decisions will be taken until Council meet to set the budget early next year so please take the time to complete surveys or attend meetings to have your say. It is a chance for communities to let the Council know what is important to them and to learn more about the breadth of the work of the Council.

[www.stirling.gov.uk/bigconversation](http://www.stirling.gov.uk/bigconversation)

Drop in event: Balfron High School - Wednesday 15 November, 6pm to 7:30pm

online survey <https://engage.stirling.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/stirling-council-budget>

### **Parent/Carer Consultations**

#### **Wednesday 22nd and 23rd November**

Letters have been issued to children with forms to request an appointment with your child/children's teacher on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> or Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Please return these form to school by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> so we can issue appointment times on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Nativity**

P1-3 are rehearsing for their Nativity performance of Bethlehem Ballroom.

Performances are on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm. Ticket letters will be issued later this month. P1-3 families can request 2 tickets per child initially and then any additional tickets will go on sale.

Please note that the licence does not permit any recording of the performance by the audience.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November



### **Non-uniform Day - Children in Need**

Wear Sporty or Spotty to support Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November and bring a small donation if you can.

### **P6s Bikeability**

P6 pupils will take part in Level 2 Bikeability sessions on 27-29<sup>th</sup> November. Letters have been sent out to the P6 pupils.

### **Uniform**

Reminder that children should come into school wearing school uniform. On PE days children should wear their school sweatshirt and can bring a different sweatshirt to wear outside for PE if they wish. We appreciate that there are occasions when issues arise with washing machines and lost clothing though the frequency of this is far above the norm.

### **Celebrations**

#### **Gold Sports Award**



It was recently announced that the Balfron Learning Community have accomplished an unprecedented feat of every school being awarded the Gold Level School Sport Award from sportsScotland, Scotland's national agency for sport. The award, which is a national initiative designed to encourage schools to reflect, plan, improve, connect and place young people at the heart of what they do, has set the standard for

schools across the country for many years, with the Gold Award being the highest level achievable.

The schools have scheduled a collective celebration on 5<sup>th</sup> December, where they will all be presented with their awards by sportsScotland. Kippen Primary will be represented by 4 senior pupils who have contributed to sport in the school.

Thank you to all the pupils, staff, parent volunteers, families and Active Stirling for supporting sport at Kippen Primary. We are proud to be part of a Learning Community that has achieved this award.

## Eco Schools Green Flag Award



Congratulations to everyone at Kippen Primary School for achieving a fabulous seventh Eco Schools Scotland Green Flag Award. All classes have been involved in plans, actions and feedback to support the application over a 2 year period. A special thanks to Miss Alexander for leading the application process, and to all of the pupils for their contributions.

## Parent Council

The Halloween Disco was well attended and a very enjoyable event. Thank you to the team of decorators and organisers who worked their magic to make the event happen. The dancing was superb and the pupils all had a great time.



## Laptop cases

Thank you to the parent Council for purchasing laptop cases for the P4 chromebooks. P4s have now all been issued with their chromebooks and are using them in classes.

A dates for your diary for December will be sent out in due course. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Carole Logan  
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