



Toronto Primary School Newsletter

December Update 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

School is as busy as ever with the Festive Season well under way. Our Christmas post boxes are bursting with festive greetings ready to deliver and the Christmas tree is twinkling at the front of the school. It is always a great time of year within the school with so many exciting activities and learning happening throughout.

School will end at 3:15pm on Wednesday 21st of December 2016 and we will all return again on Wednesday 4th of January 2017.

We would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Boogie in the Morning on Forth One



We are pleased to inform you that our school choir was selected by the radio station Forth One to record some Christmas carols! Hollie from P7, Eilidh from P6/5, Brennus from P6 and Monica from P4 were also selected to tell jokes/stories.

We have had confirmation that our Christmas carol will be broadcast live on the radio on **Thursday 15th December just after 7:30am.**

You can listen to Forth 1 on 97.3, 97.6 and 102.2 FM and Digital Radio. You can also listen online at www.forth1.com/listen or download the Radio Forth App for your smartphone or tablet.

If you miss the live broadcast or would like to listen to it again, you can find it on the Forth One website at www.forth1.com/carols. The carol will be available the day after broadcast.

Boogie, Arlene and Marty were amazing with the children and we are very much looking forward to hearing them represent our school.



Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas Lunch took place on **Wednesday 7th of December**. Everyone had a fantastic time and looked great in their Christmas jumpers, hats and headgear!

We would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to all of our fantastic dinner ladies who worked so hard to make our delicious Christmas lunch!



Choir

Our choir are in fine voice and have already performed at our official opening. They are in demand and this week will be performing on the following dates:

Tuesday 13th: ICHS Cluster Christmas Concert
Thursday 15th: P1 Nativity
Monday 19th: St John's Hospital
Tuesday 20th: Braid House

We would like to thank Mr Platt, Mrs Steel, Ms Muir and Mrs McKillop for all of their help and continued support with our choir.



Primary 1 Nativity

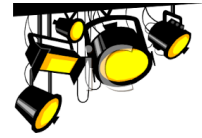
Our Primary 1 children have been busy working really hard to learn their parts and songs in preparation for their Nativity performance which will take place on **Thursday 15th December**.

We are all very excited as their performance will take place in our brand new school hall on our amazing new stage! Performance is due to begin at 9:30am and guests should make sure that they arrive in plenty of time for our wee stars to arrive. Entry will be via our new school entrance.

Thanks go to Miss Galloway, Miss Hughes, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Neil and Mr Platt for helping the children prepare for this exciting performance!



Primary 6 and 6/5 Panto Lights, Camel, Action!



Our classes have been working really hard with Mr Platt over the past few weeks to rehearse and prepare for their very own pantomime! Thank you for providing some costumes for the children to wear! We hope that the parents/carers of these classes are looking forward to being entertained on **Thursday 15th December at 2pm**.

This performance will also take place in our lovely new hall...oh yes it will! Again, entry will be via our new school entrance.

Thanks go to Mrs Clifford, Miss Wallace and Mr Platt for helping the children prepare for this exciting performance!

Christmas Parties



Dates have previously been issued, but you will find another reminder below of the party dates:

Monday 12th – P5/4 and P4 Party

Tuesday 13th – P6/5 and P5 Party

Thursday 15th – P3/2, P3 and P4/3 party

Monday 19th – P1 and P2 party with Santa Visit (P2s from P3/2 will join at the end for Santa gift)

Tuesday 20th – P7 and P6 Party

Wednesday 21st – Nursery Parties with Santa visit

M&M Production of Sleeping Beauty

Everyone is really looking forward to watching the panto on **Wednesday 14th December**. M&M Productions will be performing Sleeping Beauty to P1-P7 pupils.

We would like to thank the Parent Council for contributing towards some of the cost of the panto again this year which means that we can help bring the cost of this experience to **£1 per child**. **Please send in your £1 by Wednesday.**



Dress Down

Show us your Christmas jumpers, hats, dresses and headgear one last time this year by dressing down on the last day of term which is **Wednesday 21st of December**, finishing at the usual time of 3:15pm. We return to school on **Wednesday 4th of January 2017**.



Cameras

As you will be aware, over the past few terms we have been saving our class 'Dress Down' money to put towards class cameras. We are pleased to announce that all classes have now met their targets! We will purchase class cameras in the New Year and will put a photo of them on our school Blog. Thank you for your continued support and contributions!

Open Morning

As you will know by now, we are holding our annual Christmas Open Morning on Wednesday 14th of December from 9:15am – 10am. Letters were issued a couple of weeks ago now so if you are able to attend, please send in your reply slip (or a little note) to let class teachers know how many adults to expect if you have not already done so. If you have more than 1 child, parents/carers are invited to drop in to other classes throughout the morning. Christmas craft items will be available to make and/or buy from your child's class for a small cost. If you can't make it, you will still have the opportunity to purchase a craft item from your child's class.



Winter Ready

Although recently the weather has been fairly mild, that cold snap is never far away so in preparation we are Winter Ready. Once again this year West Lothian Council has prepared for this and have asked that we share the following information with our families.

- West Lothian Council has launched its public information campaign Winter Ready West Lothian 2016/17.
- The campaign highlights the council's preparations for possible severe weather and encourages local people to prepare now. Severe winter weather can include snow, frost and low temperatures, high winds and flooding.
- More information is available at www.westlothian.gov.uk/winter

As with previous years the council has:

- Maintained salt stocks.
- Set up contracts with local suppliers for severe weather support.
- Provided an email alert service so that regular information can be sent direct to your inbox.
- Delivered refresher training to staff on all severe weather equipment.
- Published a Winter Ready supplement in the winter issue of Bulletin, the council newspaper.



The council is also asking residents and local businesses to help:

- Park sensibly – abandoned vehicles can cause serious issues.
- Share information with friends and neighbours, and spare a moment for vulnerable neighbours.
- Stay informed. Sign up for the email alert on the council's website at www.westlothian.gov.uk/email, like the council Facebook page at www.facebook.com/westlothiancouncil or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/lovewestlothian for updates.
- If you are able, clear the path and pavement in front of your home.
- Prepare your car and home ahead of the winter.
- Keep the winter issue of Bulletin handy.



Parents and carers should also ensure that their child's school has up to date contact information.

Should severe weather hit, Groupcall is the way that schools will inform parents and carers about closures.

In school we will be getting Winter Ready by sharing with children how to continue their learning should the school be closed due to severe weather. A link will be available on our school Blog and stickers with passwords will be issued.

We will be using the school Glow page to share learning with the children. Children in Nursery and Primary 1 should look at the activities in the 'Early Level' section. Children in Primary 2- Primary 4 should look at activities in the 'First Level' section and children in Primary 5 – Primary 7 should look at the activities in the 'Second Level' section. If you require learning in a paper format please request this at the school office. Once children understand how to access learning at home they will be given a Winter Ready sticker and a sticker with their Glow username and password. We would encourage you to discuss these with your children.

New Extension

As you may already know, the building work to our new hall and front entrance is now complete. We were delighted to have Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick officially open our new extension on Friday 9th of December. We are still waiting for our phone lines and a few other bits and pieces being finalised before we can start to use the new main entrance. We hope that this will be in place for after the Christmas Holidays. We will keep you updated.

