



**Education Resources**  
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Dear Parent,  
**November Updates and Reminders**

As the next month will be so busy in school, I thought it might be worthwhile to give a reminder of some of the activities and events that will be taking place over the next few weeks. Please see below for more information.

We have welcomed a student teacher, Miss Nelson, this week. She will be working with Mrs Campbell in P1a and we hope she enjoys her time here with us.

As you may have seen from earlier communications, we have a number of children in the school who are absent at the moment due to chickenpox. Whilst for most, this is nothing to worry about as it is a very common and usually mild childhood illness, we do have a number of children in the school who have weaker immune systems, therefore it is very important that you notify the school if your child has chickenpox and also support infection prevention and control measures by ensuring that any child who is unwell or has a fever does not attend school. Thank you for your understanding. We hope any child who is feeling poorly at the moment gets well soon.

#### **Class Photographs- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Class photographs will be taken tomorrow. Can all children please wear full school uniform (white shirt and school tie).

#### **Lockerbie Manor Residential Trip Meeting- 13<sup>th</sup> November**

There will be a short meeting at 6pm tomorrow evening (Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November) for parents of our Primary 7 children going to Lockerbie Manor in February.

#### **Catholic Education Fortnight 16<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> November**

Catholic Education fortnight begins this Sunday. Next week in school we will have a variety of activities on offer for pupils to mark this event in the Church and School Calendar. The theme this year is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. The annual education mass takes place in Motherwell Cathedral on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

#### **Foodbank Friday- 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

As part of our efforts for Catholic Education Fortnight and to support our local foodbank, we will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Children are asked to make a donation of non-perishable food items or toiletries. Our Mini Vinnies will organise the collection of items for the foodbank. Thank you.

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### **Open Afternoon- 26<sup>th</sup> November**

We are hosting an open afternoon for new parents of children starting school in August 2025 on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The event will take place between 3.30-4.30pm.

### **St. Andrew's Day Celebration- 29<sup>th</sup> November**

We will have a concert for P1 grandparents and our friends at Flemington Care Home on the afternoon of Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Grandparents are invited to arrive for 1.30pm and unfortunately numbers are strictly limited to 2 seats per child.

### **Dress Down Day- Chocolate Tombola- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Children are invited to come to school dressed down and donate an item for the chocolate tombola.

### **P1 Nativity Performance- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

The children from P1a, P1b and P1/2 will perform a short nativity themed show for parents on the 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10am/2pm.

Due to numbers of children participating, a maximum of two adults per child can attend each performance.

### **Mother Goose Panto at Rutherglen Townhouse**

P1-P4 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December (Please note late school dismissal this day for P1-P4 at 3.15pm approx.)

P5-P7 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Please contribute, if you can, to the cost of the tickets via parentpay (£6.50 per child)

### **Christmas Lunch and Festive Fashion Day- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

#### **Christmas Disco- 12<sup>th</sup> December**

The parent council are hosting Christmas discos for the children on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** P1-P3 disco will be at 5.30pm-6.45pm and P4-P7 will be 7pm-8.15pm. Tickets cost £3 and include drink and party bag. Parent helper will be required. If you can help please let the parent council or

school office know. [stcharlesnewtonparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:stcharlesnewtonparentcouncil@gmail.com)



### **Christmas Raffles**

**Booze Sleigh-** Raffles for the booze sleigh will be sold at **£5**. We are looking for donations of bottles for this. If you can help, please hand them into the school office or to a member of the senior leadership team at the gates from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

**Raffle prizes-** Can you help? Do you have or know someone with a business who might be able to donate prizes for our raffle? Do you work for a company who might be able to help? We are looking for donations of prizes for our Christmas raffle. Letters from the school regarding donation requests are available to pass to companies if this helps.

### **Children's Christmas Fun Day- 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Last year our in school Christmas fun day, in place of a Christmas Fair, was a huge success. All our children got to take part and everyone had lots of fun whilst making a great profit for the school. Our funday this year will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. There will be stalls (products made by the children) raffles, tombola, games, crafts and more. Please support us if you can.

We would appreciate the help from some parents on the day. If you would be available, please get in touch.

### **Primary 7 Panto- 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Primary 7 will be performing Cinderella Rockerfella this year as their panto on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon and on the morning of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. P7 parents are warmly invited to attend (max of two per child, per performance).

**Christmas Parties- 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December**

P1-P3 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

P4-P7 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Children can wear party clothes to school.

**Carol Service- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

P7 parents are invited to join us for our Christmas Carol Service at 1.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. School closes at 2.30pm

**Parking and Road Safety**

Can I please ask that you are mindful of how and where you park and that our neighbours are not negatively impacted during drop off and collection times. Thank you.

**Dogs in the playground**

It is council policy that dogs are not allowed in school playgrounds. I apologise for the inconvenience this may cause but would ask for your support in this. Please pass this message on to anyone who may be collecting children on your behalf. Thank you.

**Breakfast Club and School Transport Behaviour**

A gentle reminder that if your child wishes to benefit from breakfast club provision or school transport that they are required to behave in a respectful and responsible manner at all times.

Your sincerely,

Mrs Maureen Reid  
Head Teacher