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## Newsletter November 2022

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### A note from Mrs McNeil...

November already!!! What a busy session we are having and the children continue to enjoy various learning activities. The children have completed their expeditions from last term and are now moving onto new expeditions with a focus on outdoor learning and STEM. The recent Halloween event was a great success and all the children seemed to enjoy all the various activities. The bingo was also a great success and we will hopefully run another bingo adult event, inside this time, before the end of this session. Thank you to everyone who attended our recent parent/carer consultations. If you did not manage to make your appointment please contact the class teacher to reschedule a telephone consultation at a suitable time. Plans are underway to make Christmas as special as we can and I will let you know about all the activities in due course.

# November

### Christmas Is Coming...

**Thursday 1st December Christmas Adventures Begin...Christmas arrives at South Park...trees and decorations will start appearing from this day and our reverse advent calendar will be launched.**

**Friday 9th December Christmas Jumper Day,..Christmas Fun Day with special visitors in afternoon.**

**Tuesday 13th December Nursery Snowball Singalong**

**Wednesday 14th December P1-P3 Nativity 2pm**

**Thursday 15th December Christmas Lunch**

**Thursday 15th December PTA Christmas Fayre**

**Monday 19th December Glee Club to visit Meldrum House**

**Wednesday 21st December Christmas Party Day with a special visitor**

**Thursday 22nd December Christmas Service at Church**

**Friday 23rd December School Closes for Christmas @2.30pm**



### Christmas Lunch

On Monday 21st November a form will come out on the school app for children to pre order their school Christmas lunch. The form will remain live till Wednesday 23rd as the kitchen need to place the food requirements by Friday 25th November. Our school Christmas lunch is on Thursday 15th December.

### Diary Dates for November

**Tuesday 8th November ... 4.30pm PTA Meeting**

**Monday 14th November Inset Day...Monday 15th November the school is closed to pupils as it is an Inset Day across South Lanarkshire Council.**

**Tuesday 15th-Friday 18th November Book Week**

**Wednesday 16th November 2-3pm Parent/Carer Reading workshops**

**Friday 18th November**



Children can dress as favourite character or wear cosy pyjamas or Spotty clothes for Children in Need Day.

**Wednesday 30th November Tartan Day...St Andrew's Day Celebrations. To mark St Andrews day the children can wear any piece of tartan to school. All classes will be celebrating with Scottish dancing and activities based around Scottish culture. Our new website will be officially launched on this day.**



## Book Week

Monday 14th November through to Monday 21st November we will be celebrating 'Book Week Scotland'. The children from P1 to P3 will be gifted their book bags on Wednesday 16th November. We look forward to having our usual fun activities to ensure all children enjoy and understand the importance of reading. As part of the week parent/carers will be invited in to see our children participate in learning activities around reading. The workshops in P1-P3 will introduce our new phonics program Monster Phonics and P4-P7 will look at various strategies to support reading skills. The parent/carer workshops will run on Wednesday at 2-3pm. **Please note the evening workshops that were sent out on the SAVE THE DATE information in September have been cancelled and it is only the 2-3pm on Wednesday 16th November workshops that are taking place.**



## Communication

Thank you to all families who have downloaded the school app for their phones. **This is our main way that we communicate all information with you.** If you have not downloaded the app or are having any issues getting into the individual group for your child/children's classes then please contact the school office. Many thanks for your support with this. Username and Pin code for access to the app is on the header of the newsletter.

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## Car Park

Please note that the spaces directly in front of the school main entrance are reserved for disabled parking. **Do not park here unless you have a blue badge.** Could I please remind everyone you must adhere to the **speed limit of 5 mph** in the car park

Many thanks for your support with this.



## Reporting to Parents

All parents/carers should now have received a tracking report. The tracking report highlights how far through a level your child/children are working and what Curriculum for Excellence Level they have achieved. At the end of this month all children from P4-P7 will be given access to their Benchmark tracker. This document allows you to discuss your child/children's progress with them and identify what areas they are focussing on. The information session for the benchmark tracker was at the Pizza night prior to the October break. An instructional video was created by our digital leaders and this will be emailed out on Monday 28th November along with the benchmark tracker link to our P4-P7 pupils. Any issues or questions regarding the tracker please contact myself or the class teacher.



## PTA/PC

The next PTA/PC meeting is on **Tuesday 8th November at 4.30pm.** The **focus of the next meeting is to discuss and plan the Christmas event for all families to hopefully attend. As many people as possible helping plan and organise events means it is less work for individuals on our PTA.**



## Nativity Honky Tonky Donkey

Our P1-P3 nativity will take place on Wednesday 14th December at 2pm. More details will come out soon but please save the date for what promises to be a lovely celebration ...our first live Nativity since 2019!

