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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. The recent Halloween event was a great success and all the children seemed to enjoy all the parties.

Last week our focussed learning week was on our value of Ambition. This involved the children learning about skills for life, learning and work and focussed very much on what life beyond South Park was like. Many thanks to all the parent/carers who gave up their time to speak to all our P4-P7 learners about the skills required for their job roles. On Thursday and Friday all P4-P7 learners visited local businesses. Many of the groups had to travel by public bus and I was delighted at the behaviour and respect all our children displayed while out in the local community. All businesses visited said how engaged and respectful all our children were which is wonderful feedback to receive. Thank you, your children are a credit to us all!



Christmas Is Coming...

Friday 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 8th December Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 14th December Christmas Fayre 6-7.30pm

Friday 15th December Christmas Around the World Celebration Day and Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 19th December Nursery Snowball Singalong 9.30-10.30am

Tuesday 19th December P1-P3 Nativity 2pm

Wednesday 20th December Christmas Party Day with a special visitor

Thursday 21st December Christmas Service at Westwood Baptist Church 10am

Friday 22nd December School Closes for Christmas @2.30pm



Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 14th November a form will come out on for children to pre order their school Christmas lunch. The form will remain live till Friday 17th November as the kitchen need to place the food requirements by Friday 17th November. Our school Christmas lunch is on Friday 15th December.

Diary Dates for November

Wednesday 8th November ... Industrial Action School Closed

Monday 13th November Inset Day...Monday 13th November the school is closed to pupils as it is an Inset Day across South Lanarkshire Council.

Tuesday 14th-Friday 17th November Book Week

Wednesday 15th November 3.15-8.30pm Parent/Carer Consultations

Friday 17th 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



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Book Week

Monday 13th November through to Monday 20th November we will be celebrating 'Book Week Scotland'. The children from P1 to P3 will be gifted their book bags on Thursday 16th November. We look forward to having our usual fun activities to ensure all children enjoy and understand the importance of reading. Prior to book week there will be a book fayre in school.

Order forms and payment for books will be done in school. It is cash for any book they would like, it is not available through parentpay.



Communication

Thank you to all families who have paired with their child on the parentportal. **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 paired with your child/children then please contact the school office. Many thanks for your support with this. Until all technical issues are fixed for all our families information will continue to be emailed out.

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PE Kit

It has come to my attention that many of our children are wearing inappropriate footwear for PE lessons. It is essential that children wear gym shoes or trainers for PE to comply with health and safety guidelines. If your child does not have appropriate footwear then they cannot participate in PE. If you require support with providing appropriate footwear please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. Many thanks with your support in this important issue.

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.



ROAD SAFETY WEEK
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Reporting to Parents

All parents/carers will receive a tracking report prior to the parent/carer consultations. The tracking report highlights how far through a level your child/children are working and what Curriculum for Excellence Level they have achieved. The report will be discussed when you meet the class teacher. Appointments for parent/carers are available to book on the parentportal.



PTA/PC

The next PTA/PC meeting is on Monday 20th November at 4pm . 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.



Bus Pass

As you are aware last week many of our children travelled to local businesses by public bus. It was great to see so many of our pupils having their own buss pass. This is an invaluable free resource and I would urge all pupils to have one. It is easy to apply for a bus pass through parentportal. Any issues/questions please contact the school office.

Nativity Bethlehem Bake Off!

Our P1-P3 nativity will take place on Tuesday 19th December at 2pm. More details will come out soon but please save the date for what promises to be a lovely celebration ...

