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A note from Mrs McNeil....

I can't quite believe I'm writing the final newsletter for our school for 2023! The first half of this session has been very productive and successful for all our learners. The children continue to thrive and live out our values in their daily life. Respect week in August and Ambition week in October were very successful and the children were fabulous role models of our whole community values of REACH!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all families to our Christmas Family Fun night where we have lots of Christmas activities planned to help us all celebrate together! The children are the heartbeat of this school and I look forward to making the festivities as enjoyable as possible and remember especially at this special time of year where the focus is very much on 'Children First'. I wish every family a very happy Christmas and hope the New Year brings all of us much happiness and health. As usual, if anyone has any issues or concerns please feel free to contact me at the school.



Diary Dates

Friday 8th December Christmas Jumper Day and donations for Adult/Children tombola.

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



Nativity

We are delighted and very excited to be holding our annual Nativity 'The Bethlehem Bake Off!' The children are working very hard rehearsing the words and we look forward to welcoming our parents/carers at **2pm on Tuesday 19th**

December. As was the tradition prior to the pandemic the seating arrangements are P3 parents at the front followed by P2 and then P1. It is P3's last Nativity and our P3 class take on the main leading roles. We follow this every year so it means by the time this year's P1's are in P3 and have a leading role their parent/carers will be at the front of the audience. Many thanks for your support with this.



Christmas Family Night is coming...

On **Thursday 14th December from 6-7.30pm** the PTA and staff are holding a family Christmas fun night. There are many activities for all the family and our usual visitor will be in his grotto. A flyer will come out next week and posters will go up detailing all the fun activities on offer. **This Friday 8th December, children can dress down in sparkles and Christmas jumpers and if possible bring a donation for the adult or/and children's tombola. All donations will be gratefully received at the gates by staff.**



Christmas Jumper Day



We will be supporting 'Save the Children' by participating in Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas sparkle day on Friday 8th December. Please do not feel you need to purchase a new jumper as this is not necessary. A piece of tinsel a sparkly hairband etc is more than adequate. Buckets will be at the gates and all donations will go to this worthy cause. **This is also our dress down day for donations for our children/adult tombola for our Xmas Fayre**

Church Service

All parents/carers are invited to join us in our Christmas service at Westwood Baptist in the morning of Thursday 21st December at 10am. All classes will be participating and we look forward to seeing you there.



Communication with Parent/Carers

We have now nearly got all families logged into our new communication platform of parentportal.scot. If you do not have access to this it is essential that you contact the school office as a matter of urgency so that no-one is missing out on important information about our school. All information goes onto the portal but will continue to be emailed out as well.



Home Learning

This week is our final week of home learning prior to our Christmas break. Could all children please return all red bags and homework journals to school by next Monday 11th December.

Sickness

If your child/children are vomiting or/and have diarrhoea it is important that they do not return to school for 48 hours following their last episode of sickness. Many thanks with your assistance with this as we hope to keep everyone well for Christmas.

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will take place on Wednesday 20th December. Children should wear party clothes. Juice and a snack will be provided for each child. Children in P1-3 and nursery children will receive a special gift from a special visitor.

Winter Clothing

As we enter into the cold weather it is important the children all come to school appropriately dressed. We always hold spare gloves, hats and jackets in school and if you are short of any items please do not hesitate to contact me at the school for support with this.



Twitter Account

Now that we no longer have the school app we are posting our achievements, learning and activities on our school Twitter account. Please make sure you request to follow us at [@SouthParkEk](https://twitter.com/SouthParkEk). Twitter is now known as X and is free to download. If you do not wish your child to appear on any twitter feeds then please notify your class teacher.

