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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 variety of different focuses. The recent Halloween event was a great success and all the children seemed to enjoy all of parties. A total of £400 was raised. Thank you to all parent/carers who supported the event and for the PTA for organising all the treats.

On Thursday 14th November we have our parent/carer consultations. During this event we are going to showcase our new South Park Café! Soup, tea/coffee and treats will all be available for a small donation. We look forward to everyone enjoying some time in our new café! The children are very excited to share all their learning, skills development and achievements since our return in August. If you do not have an appointment for the Thursday parent/carer consultations then please contact the school office.

November



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.

Thursday 5th December Christmas Fayre... 6-7.30pm.

Thursday 12th December School Christmas Lunch.

Tuesday 17th December Nursery Snowball Sing-a-long...9.30-10.30am.

Tuesday 17th December P1-3 Nativity... 2-3pm.

Wednesday 18th December Christmas Parties.

Thursday 19th December Christmas Service at Westwood Baptist Church...10am.

Friday 20th December Reindeer Dash and Firepit with HT.



Christmas Lunch

On Monday 4th November a form will come out for children to pre order their school Christmas lunch. The form will remain live till Monday 11th November as the kitchen need to place the food requirements by this date. Our school Christmas lunch is on Thursday 12th December.

Diary Dates for November

Thursday 14th November...Parents Consultations 3.10-8.40pm

Monday 11th November Inset Day...Monday 11th November the school is closed to pupils as it is an Inset Day across South Lanarkshire Council.

Monday 18th-Friday 24th November Book Week Scotland

Friday 15th November

Children can dress as favourite character or wear cosy pyjamas or Spot-ty 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 18th November through to Friday 22 November we will be celebrating 'Book Week Scotland'. The children from P1 to P3 will be gifted their book bags on Thursday 21st November. 3 year old children in the nursery will also be gifted their Book Bug bags. We look forward to having our usual fun activities to ensure all children enjoy and understand the importance of read-



Communication

We continue to use our school app, parents portal, Learning Journals and email to communicate with our families. Can I ask that you check these regularly to ensure you do not miss important information. A form was sent out recently about photograph permission for Twitter, School App, School Website and Portal. If you have not yet submitted this form can I ask you do this to allow us to share your children's wonderful learning experiences and achievements with you.

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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 school 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 now on the Parents Portal.



PTA/PC

The next PTA/PC meeting is on **Monday 12th November at 7pm via Teams.** 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.



Safeguarding Policy—Digital Devices

You will be aware that a permission/agreement form for bringing digital devices (phones and smartwatches) into school was sent out recently. We are aware that many children who do not have a completed permission form are still bringing these devices into school. It is essential that every child who brings a mobile phone or smart watch into school has a permission form/agreement signed to allow them to do this.

Nativity Lights, Camel, Action!

Our P1-P3 nativity will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 2pm. More details will come out soon but please save the date for what promises to be a lovely celebration ...

