

Clober Primary School Newsletter

December 2021



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Dear Parents,

Our Christmas plans have been keeping us all busy in school and we love this time of year. Everyone has been sparkling through December, filming their Christmas videos, preparing for their parties and delivering the Christmas post. We are looking forward to an online panto and virtual Christmas service which allows our musicians and P7 readers to shine. With all that going on, we will all be ready for the Christmas holiday! I hope you have a restful break and a very happy, healthy Christmas.

Catriona Marshall
Head Teacher

Staff news

Our Support for Learning Assistant, Mr Smith left us in November for a post closer to home. We will welcome Ms O'Brien in January.

Miss Karen MacDonald will be joining the staff team in January. Miss MacDonald is no stranger to Clober and we are delighted to have her back with us. Miss MacDonald will teach P7a, P5 and P1b, taking over Mrs Greer's teaching commitment. This will enable Mrs Greer to focus on Health and Wellbeing and Support for Learning across the school.

P7 online assemblies with Douglas Academy

P7 have enjoyed online assemblies with Miss Hawkins and staff from Douglas Academy this term. There is a Teams page P7s can visit to support transition called Destination: Douglas 2021/22. Miss Fyfe has uploaded the powerpoints used at this term's assemblies and also some music files. The Library channel has book recommendations, the reading newsletter and reading challenges to enjoy.

Children In Need

We dressed up for Children in Need and were delighted to see everyone in their bright, spotty clothes or with their Strictly on! Mrs Toal, P5, Miss Facchini and P4/5 did an excellent job of organising events for the children on the day and we raised the fantastic total of £467.

Book Week Scotland

Book Week Scotland ran from Monday 15th until Sunday 21st November and we took part in some activities to encourage reading for pleasure. The theme this year was "Celebration" and we celebrated our favourite stories by sharing them with friends in class. Book bags were issued to P1, 2 and 3 to encourage reading at home.

Anti-bullying Week 15th – 19th November

The theme of this year's anti-bullying week was "One Kind Word". We discussed this at assembly, shared kind messages in class and raised awareness of our anti-bullying policy. There is helpful advice for parents and children on the Respect Me website: www.respectme.org.uk

PTA Raffle

Thank you to our hardworking and supportive PTA who ran a winter raffle this month. They braved

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the cold weather to collect donations, sell tickets and make up hampers. We had lots of donations which were very much appreciated – the prizes were drawn on Friday 10th December, raising a total of £2557.

The total amount raised by the PTA this year so far over 3 events - the Smarties tubes, pumpkin carving and the raffle - is an amazing £3691.

We plan to spend this on outdoor play equipment and seating, and subsidising the P7 leavers hoodies. We also have an interactive whiteboard which requires replacement.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the following businesses who provided us with prizes:

3D Cakes, AG Barr, Allander Leisure Centre, Andiamo, Ardarten, Arnold Clark, ASDA, Bearsden Ski Club, Beaumartin, Berto's Brownies, Barr 55, Baxter's Newsagents, Bisley's Bites, Body and Mind, Bulland's, Campbell Jewellers, Clober Golf Club, Colpi, Crafty Distillery, Cumbernauld Theatre, Custom Putters, Davidson Butchers, Easterton Farm Park, Eden Mill, Empire Cinemas, Fantoosh Nook, Farmfoods, Finsbay, Foils, FPizza, Fuss Salon, Gavin's Mill, Glasgow Rocks, Halo Hair and Nails, Helmi's, Honeybee Bakery, Jaw Brew, Laithwaites, Loch Lomond Leisure, M&S, Majestic Wine, Matzaluna Pizza, Melts, Messy Nessie's, Milngavie Butchers, Mugdock Country Park, Ofe Florists, Overtoun Brewing, Peacock's Ice Cream, Pinkston Sports, RollerStop, Specsavers, Sulwatch Brewery, Tesco, The Climbing Academy, The Gantry, The Tea Cosy, Tron Theatre, Tunnock's, Usborne Books, Waitrose and West End Adventure.

Christmas Concert

There was no Christmas concert this year but each stage has prepared a video for you to enjoy at home. The link to this will be sent to you on Seesaw. We use a private channel on YouTube – in compliance with GDPR regulations, our channels is unlisted with comments turned off which means that only families we share the link with will be able to access it. **Please do not post the link on social media sites.**

Our children will be able to enjoy all these videos on Tuesday – well done to everyone for such lovely and inventive ideas and to Mr Lees for being the “Tech Guy”!

Christmas Service

This is now available to view on the Assembly Teams page. Thank you to Rev MacLeod, Miss Mackay, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Leitch for their contributions to ensure that our Christmas service was able to go ahead.

Pantomime

The children will enjoy “Puss in Boots” from Hopscotch Theatre on Tuesday. Children may bring in a snack to enjoy during the performance, which is online.

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Santa on a bike!

A surprise visitor arrived at school on Friday 10th December. We were delighted to see Santa ride past on his bike and dance around for the children– the elves tell me that all the Clober children are on the nice list and they can expect to have a very happy Christmas indeed!

Foodbank Donations

Thank you to everyone who made donations to the foodbank this year. This will ensure that families in our community are well fed during the Christmas period.

Assemblies

This term, I have delivered a virtual assembly every week. Themes covered have been the school values, anti-bullying and acts of kindness. Over the next two terms, classes will prepare assemblies and we will send you a link on Seesaw when your child's class assembly is ready to view. P3 have already produced their assembly, all about The Romans.



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Recognising Pupils' Achievements outwith Clober Primary

We encourage children to tell us about their achievements outwith school however big or small. For this reason we would like your help. If you feel that your child has accomplished something for the first time, improved in something or has achieved an award (yellow belt in Judo, a badge at Scouts /Brownies/Boys Brigade etc) then please let us know by emailing the office. This will then be discussed at assembly and added to our achievements wall and records.

Road Safety

Please refrain from parking on the yellow zigzags outside the school gate and the white markings opposite. This gives our children enough space to be able to look both ways and cross in safety. Although it can be frustrating in the morning when you are in a rush or on wet days, it is important to remember that I ask this to ensure that all our children are safe. This will continue to be enforced and monitored.

Arrival times for school

P4-7 should arrive at 8.50am

P1-3 should arrive at 9am

Please do not send your children into the playground in advance of these times; at the moment as staggered entry is recommended by the Scottish Government Covid 19 Schools Guidance.

Dates for the Diary

You can find all dates for the diary for session 2020-21 on our website; look under the school Information tab.

Important Reminders

Nut Free School: Please **do not send your child to school with any items containing nuts or nut traces**. We have children within the school who have **severe allergic reactions** which could result in anaphylactic shock.

Medication: Only certain members of staff are allowed to administer medication to pupils. This can only be done after the parent has completed the necessary paperwork. We have strict guidelines which we must follow.

Parking: Please do not park on the pavements, block driveways or double park outside the school. Too often there have been near misses at the school gate. Please think of all children and park away from the school at all times. St Luke's Church car park is a suitable place.

Wet Intervals: Wherever possible, children will be outside at break times. Please ensure they have a named waterproof jacket with them every day – regardless of the forecast as we all know how reliable they can be!

If the weather is terribly wet, we provide your child with activities to do during wet intervals. If you would like to provide your child with a book or small, inexpensive game, that would be great. Please do not send your child in with any valuable items such as a PSP or iPods.

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Anti Vandalism / Health & Safety: Please report any sightings to the police. As you know we are equipped with CCTV cameras and these are very beneficial to us. Such cameras are fully operational both day and night and allow us to identify and report any vandalism.

Head Lice: Please check your child's head on a regular basis and inform the school if you find an infestation.

Physical Education

At the moment, PE must be done outdoors. Please send your child to school dressed for PE. Waterproofs and sensible footwear should be worn. No jewellery is permitted.

All Jewellery MUST be removed during Physical Activities (incl PE): I would ask that you refrain from piercing your child's ears until the beginning of the summer holidays as any size of earring prohibits your child from taking part in physical activities. Policy states that staff cannot remove jewellery.

Mobile phones: EDC policy states that any child requiring a mobile phone in school should hand their phone into the school office each morning and collect it at the end of the day.

Attendance: We monitor attendance every morning and afternoon session. If your child is going to be absent please contact the school office on **0141 955 2232**. Failure to do this puts a series of actions in place which could result in calling the Attendance Officer and Police Scotland. If your child is late please explain that he/she must pass the office to check off their name. The class teacher may have already alerted the office to begin the attendance check procedures and your child coming to the office when late could stop this procedure more quickly.

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