

# Meadowburn Primary School/ Bun Sgoil Innis an Uillt



November 2021



A motivating, challenging, inclusive and nurturing community where we learn, achieve and grow.

We are fast approaching the festive period and the diary is quickly filling up with lots of events that we wanted to let you know about. Please see information below and specific 'Dates for Diaries' overleaf.

## GENERAL REMINDER - ABSENCE PROCEDURES

If your child is unwell and going to be absent from school that day please remember to notify the school by phone before 9am. Emails can be used to inform the office about advance absences such as appointments but we kindly ask that you do not use emails to notify a same day absence in case of any internet connection issues.



## NATIVITIES

Christmas in school wouldn't be the same without our Infant Nativity performances and these will be shared online again this year. This is in line with the most recent Covid guidance from EDC that states that we are still unable to have parents attending any live performances. Our Mainstream P1 and P2 pupils and Gaelic C1-3 pupils will therefore be busy over the next few weeks creating a Nativity video performance to share with parents and the rest of the school. Parents will be invited to join us virtually on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December on 9.30am for our mainstream P1 and P2 classes and 11.00am for our Gaelic 1-3 classes when the videos will be shared with parents and the rest of the school. The video will also be sent out afterwards to all parents in case anyone is unable to join the virtual performance on the 21<sup>st</sup> December. We appreciate that it won't be the same as having a live performance in the hall but we hope that it is still something for the children and their families to look forward to. A Teams link for the Christmas Nativity Assemblies will be sent out by groupcall nearer the time.



## SCHOOL SHOW

Christmas in school also wouldn't be the same without a School Show and this is something we very much missed last year. We are therefore planning a virtual recorded performance of 'Panto Pandemonium' for our Mainstream P3-7 and Gaelic C4-7 pupils that we hope to have ready to share with parents by the end of this term or at the start of the New Year. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December we are inviting pupils to take part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Pupils can wear their cosiest, sparkliest or silliest Christmas or Winter Jumper to school as part of non-uniform that day. If your child doesn't have a festive jumper already then please don't splash out - why not decorate an old or plain jumper with tinsel, baubles or homemade snowflakes to create a unique jumper to wear instead. Details about how to donate directly to Save the Children will be sent out nearer the time.





## **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Our in-house Christmas Card delivery service will begin on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December, led by our P7 House and Vice Captains. If your child would like their cards delivered, all they need to do is pop them into our Christmas Post boxes, these will be located in the corridors around the school, with the name (full name or surname initial if possible) and class of the child to be delivered to on the envelope.

## **CHRISTMAS PANTO**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December, we have organised for pupils to enjoy an online panto performance from Mugdock of 'Snow White and the Teeny Weeny MacTitchies' in their classroom. We hope everyone enjoys this performance.



## **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

Please see dates below for specific Xmas Party dates. This year, all being well, we are able to mix classes/year groups for the Xmas Parties and these will be held in the school hall on the dates below. We are inviting all pupils to come to school for the day in their Christmas/Party Clothes. Please do not send clothes to school for children to change into, they should wear their clothes for the day. Everything will be organised with the appropriate hygiene measures in place however please also be aware that we would be required to put additional mitigations in place for parties across different classes/stages if there 2 or more Covid cases in these classes at the time.



**Please see below for dates of upcoming events in November and December.**

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Date	Event
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Spray Vaccinations for school pupils
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Bikeability for Clas 7 pupils
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Clas 4/5 Assembly
Week beg. 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Learning Snapshot Jotters home to parents <i>These jotters will include samples of Literacy, Numeracy and Other Areas of Learning work to demonstrate most recent progress in learning. Parents will be asked to view these at home with their child(ren) and complete a short feedback statement before returning the jotter to school. The jotters will be sent home again with further progress evidence in March and June.</i>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Mainstream P5 Xmas Party (P5s from P4/5 and P5)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Clas 4/5 Xmas Party
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Xmas Lunch (further info to follow)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Clas 1-3 Xmas Party P6 and P7 Ceilidh (7.00 - 8.30pm with further info to follow)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	*Learning Snapshot Jotters to be returned to school* P4 Xmas Party - am (all mainstream P4s) P1 Xmas Party - pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	P2s and P3s Xmas Party (all mainstream P2 and P3 pupils) Online Panto in classes
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	9.30 Virtual Mainstream Nativity Performance for P1 and P2 11.00 Virtual Gaelic Nativity Performance for C1-3 School Closes at 2.30pm Pupils return to school on Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January

If there are any aspects of school life that cause concern or that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch right away, phone or email the school office and we will do our best to help.