



St. Peter's Primary School



Education Resources

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December School News Christmas Update

The Holy season of Advent is fast approaching. The school is working enthusiastically towards preparation for Christmas festivities. We hope that our children and their families enjoy a Holy, fun, relaxed and joyful Christmas time. We fully appreciate that Christmas can be a challenging time for some families, over the world, for a wide variety of reasons. As a result we endeavour to keep all families in our prayers and take great care to select Christmas learning experiences which seek to include all children in our school community whilst minimising the 'Cost of the School Day'.

PTA Update

Many thanks to all parents/carers who completed the PTA questionnaire. At present we have two members of the Parent Teacher Association and no Parent Council. The results of the recent questionnaire indicate that 16 more families would be willing to offer assistance to the PTA. We would be delighted if those families who have intimated that they wish to support the PTA could call the school office on 01698 281277 or email on gw14stpeterspsoffice@glow.sch.uk to inform us of your interest such that your contact details can be forwarded to the PTA. School events which involve direct contact with the children require parents/carers to hold a current PVG Check specifically for St. Peter's Primary School. The current PTA balance is As a result, the PTA support numbers and current funding availability is not sufficient to hold a Christmas Fayre in December 2023. It is hoped with support from interested families, the PTA will raise enough funds and business partnership links to initiate Fayres in the future. The current funding available will be used to support Christmas parties, prizes and Christmas Disco goodies.



Christmas Nativities

The school invites parents/carers and families to 'The Big Big Story' Nativity performed on Tuesday 12th December and 13th December 2023 at 1.30pm in the school hall. Tickets will be on sale on Parent Pay, at a cost of £3, from 27th November 2023.

Families will initially be permitted to request a maximum of 3 tickets in total per family. Only one day can be selected during the first week of ticket sales. Extra tickets which have not been purchased will be offered to all families on a first come basis from 4th December 2023. Primary 1-3 are leading the Nativity. Primary 4-7 are supporting the Nativity and performing their own selection of Christmas songs to entertain their guests. If there are any family members attending either Nativity who require assisted arrangements, please inform the school by Wednesday 6th December 2023. We remind parents/carers that prams and buggies cannot be taken into the school hall for these events for Health and Safety reasons. We looking forward to welcoming families to our Christmas celebrations.

Christmas Disco

Time to look out some Christmas Disco outfits. The school aims to fund a DJ for the Christmas Disco on Thursday 14th December 2023. The Primary 1-4 disco will be held from 5.45 to 6.45pm. The Primary 5-7 disco will be held from 7.00-8.00pm . Children must be dropped off and collected by an adult over the age of 16. Dancing moves at the ready!

Access to website, email and Twitter is recommended for receipt of regular updates!

Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Lunch will take place on Thursday 14th December 2023. Please refer to Christmas Lunch menu for specific details of selection choices. The tear-off slip is due to be returned to the school office by Friday 24th November 2023.



Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will take place from 18th to 21st December 2023. Children can come to school in their party clothes. Please see the December timeline for specific party dates. We are hopeful Santa will find his way from the North Pole. Fr King is helping Santa to fund some gifts for Primary 1. Many thanks Fr King and the parish of St. Peter's RC.

Christmas Cracker Day

The children are invited to enjoy Christmas Cracker Day, our new annual tradition. On this day, children can wear Christmas jumpers, Christmas pyjamas and casual clothes in Christmas colours. The theme of this day is 'comfy cosy Christmas'. The children will have opportunities to make Christmas crafts, listen to Christmas songs, read Christmas stories and enjoy a Christmas movie.

Christmas Mass

The school will attend Mass in celebration of Christmas on Friday 22nd December at 10am in St. Peter's RC, weather permitting. We would be delighted if families can join us at this celebration.

Christmas Gifts

Staff are always very touched by your generosity at Christmas time. However, staff are very aware of the challenges of the current 'Cost of Living' and would most sincerely wish to recommend to families that they keep the staff in their prayers this Christmas rather than offering gifts or cards. As part of South Lanarkshire Council Codes of Conduct for Employees, staff must register personal gifts with Corporate Resources which have an estimated value of more than £25, accepted or not, whether offered from an individual pupil, family or collective group of pupils.

The children are our 'heart' of Christmas and our focus is on ensuring they have happy smiles. As an alternative, the children will be provided with a Christmas heart. If the children or families would like to write a Christmas message on their heart for their teacher, whole class and any member of staff and return to the school office by 5th of December 2023, the school will display the hearts on a large Christmas tree in the school hall for all to see at the Christmas Nativities.

Christmas Holidays

I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of myself, the children and the whole staff team to wish all our children, families, Parish and wider community a very safe, happy and Holy Christmas. I hope the children and community enjoy the festive season. I look forward to welcoming our school community to celebrate in these precious moments with our children and staff.

Merry Christmas!



Kind Regards
CL Mullen

Calendar Dates and Parental Engagement Opportunities

Learning Showcases

- 31.08.23 Rm 1 at 2.15pm
- 12.10.23 Rm 2 at 2.15pm
- 30.11.23 Rm 4 at 2.15pm
- 07.12.23 Rm 3 at 2.15pm
- 29.02.24 Rm 5 at 2.15pm
- 21.03.24 Rm 6 at 2.15pm

Class Assemblies

- 27.10.23 Rm 6 at 2.15pm
- 09.11.23 Rm 5 at 2.15pm
- 09.02.24 Rm 4 at 2.15pm
- 15.03.24 Rm 3 at 2.15pm
- 26.04.24 Rm 2 at 2.15pm
- 31.05.24 Rm 1 at 2.15pm
- 19.06.24 Rm 6 at 2.15pm

Class 'X' Twitter Showcase Weeks

- 21.08.23 Rm 1
- 28.08.23 Rm 2
- 04.09.23 Rm 3
- 18.09.23 Rm 4
- 09.10.23 Rm 5
- 30.10.23 Rm 6
- 06.11.23 Rm 1
- 20.11.23 Rm 2
- 27.11.23 Rm 3
- 04.12.23 Rm 6
- 05.02.24 Rm 4
- 26.02.24 Rm 5
- 04.03.24 Rm 1
- 18.03.24 Rm 2
- 29.04.24 Rm 3
- 13.05.24 Rm 5
- 28.05.24 Rm 6
- 10.06.24 Rm 4

Leavers' Celebrations (tbc)

- 08.11.23 Parent Celebration Meeting at 5.15pm
- 22.04.24 P7 Dalguise Outdoor Activity Centre
- 13.06.24 Leavers' Celebration Activity Day
- 13.06.24 Leavers' Celebration Meal
- 19.06.24 Leavers' Mass tbc
- 19.06.24 Leavers' Assembly

PTA Meetings - Provisional Dates

- 06.09.23 at 5pm Conference Room - Postponed
- 08.11.23 at 4.15-5pm Conference Room
- 06.12.23 at 5.15-6pm Conference Room
- 07.02.24 at 4.30-5.15pm Conference Room
- 20.03.24 at 5.15-5.55pm Conference Room
- 08.05.24 at 5.15-5.55pm Conference Room

Faith Life - Provisional Dates

- 01.09.23 First Friday Mass at 10am
- 08.09.23 Our Lady's Birthday Class Charities
- 13.10.23 Mass and P1 Blessing at 10am
- 01.10.23 All Saints Mass at 10am
- 01.12.23 Advent Mass at 10am
- 22.12.23 Christmas Celebration Mass at 10am
- 02.02.24 New Year Mass at 10am
- 06.02.24 Reconciliation Meeting at 6pm
- 06.02.24 Communion Meeting at 6.30pm
- 06.02.24 Confirmation Meeting at 7pm
- 21.02.24 Ash Wednesday at 10am
- 01.03.24 Lent Mass at 10am
- 25.03.24 Reconciliation at 6.30pm
- 11.05.24 First Holy Communion at 10am
- 06.06.24 Confirmation at 7pm
- 26.06.24 Thanksgiving Mass at 10am

Planned School Events

- 21.09.23 Outdoor Learning led by Mr Hoggan
- 02.10.23 Challenge Poverty Week
- 05.10.23 Go Fresh Theme Day Menu
- 23.10.23 Care Experienced Week
- 31.10.23 Hallowe'en Games
- 09.11.23 P7 St. JOHS at 6.30pm
- 10.11.23 Photographs
- 16.11.23 Parents' Evening
- 23.11.23 Rag Bag Collection
- 29.11.23 Flu Immunisations
- 30.11.23 St. Andrew's Coffee Morning at 9.15am
- 01.12.23 Science Day led by Mrs Roy
- 12.12.23 Christmas Nativity
- 13.12.23 Christmas Nativity
- 14.12.23 Christmas Disco
- 18.12.23 P6 and P7 Party
- 19.12.23 P2 and P3 Party
- 20.12.23 P4 and P5 Party
- 21.12.23 P1 Party
- 16.02.23 Fiesta de España led by Miss Keatings / Mrs Sala
- 08.03.23 Spring Coffee Morning at 9.15am
- 27.03.24 Talent Show led by Mrs Wilson
- 18.04.24 World of Work led by Mr Milwain
- 09.05.24 Art Eco Theme led by Mr TARRIER
- 21.05.24 New P1 Induction 1 at 1.45pm
- 22.05.24 Parents' Evening
- 29.05.24 New P1 Lunch Induction 2 at 12pm
- 30.05.24 Health Day led by Mrs Kane
- 06.06.24 New P1 Induction 3 at 1.45pm
- 07.06.24 Sports Day led by Mr McSorley
- 14.06.24 House Treat
- 20.06.24 Class Transition Switch Day



Christmas is Coming!

We need your help to raise school funds!

The school is hoping to raise funds from adult hamper raffles and children's magic number squares over the festive session. We would much appreciate donations of new items to help us to make up the hamper prizes for both adults and children. To make it easier we have made themed suggestions for each class.

Every penny counts towards raising funds to support our children.

10
House Points
per
1 item



Donation
Week
27th
November to
1st December

Some selection suggestions for donations

Room 1	Children's games, art sets, books, Christmas hats, Christmas Bop-
Room 2	Toys, footballs, teddies, sledges and scooters.
Room 3	Crackers, biscuit tins, jams, tinned goods, Christmas goodies
Room 4	Family size chocolate bars, chocolate tubs and sweets.
Room 5	Adult toiletries, gifts sets, hats and scarves.
Room 6	Alcoholic bottles / cans to be handed in directly to the school office.

Many thanks for all donations!



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**Christmas is the perfect time to sign
up to easyfundraising.org.uk**

Families may purchase a range of items, insurances, holidays, TV and internet packages over the Christmas period and throughout the school year which could earn the school some extra funds free of charge. The school is funded a percentage of the items or services purchased. Please refer to the easyfundraising.org.uk website for more details.

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