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Dalserf Primary School

Newsletter – December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Staffing

Congratulations to Ms Julie Graham who has secured a new position at Machanhill Primary School! Thank you for all your hard work, we wish you all the best in your new role which will begin on Monday 16th December.

A warm welcome to Mrs Lucy Douglas who will be our new Team Leader in the office and joins us on Tuesday 17th December.



Class Newsletters

Staff are busy working on their class newsletters for this term. These will be shared and added to the school website next week. The Termly newsletters give you a flavour of the learning taking place in your child's class.



Afterschool Football

The last session for our afterschool football club will be on Friday 13th 3-4pm. Thank you to Keith Glendinning our Active Schools Co-ordinator who has led our P6/7 club this session. Keith has recently been assisted by former pupil Jack Queen. We hope to see both again in the new year and will share the dates for Term 3 when known.



Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and attended the Christmas Fayre this year. We raised the fabulous total of £783.70 which will go to purchasing snacks for the Christmas parties and resources for the school over the coming year.

Winner of 100 Square: Mrs Ally Crooks

Winner of Guess the Sweets in a Jar: Caleb Houston



Nativity

Our Nativity, 'Everyone loves a Baby' performances by P1-3 will be on Thursday 12th December at 1.30pm and Friday 13th December at 9.45am. P4-7 will be singing some well-known Christmas songs. There are some tickets still available for both shows. Please contact the office if you would like extra.



Parent Council

The Parent Council will be selling raffle tickets for Christmas hampers at the Nativity performances so any donations would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation to the raffles, please hand them in to the school office before Thursday 12th December. Thank you.



We received some sad news this week regarding the passing of one of our parents Mrs Helen Buchan. Helen was a former Chairperson of the Parent Council and was actively involved in fundraising and supporting the school for many years. Our thoughts are with Helen's family and friends.

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Christmas Parties

Just a reminder our Christmas parties are on the following dates:

- ❖ Monday 16th – Room 4 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Tuesday 17th – Room 3 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Wednesday 18th – Room 2 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Thursday 19th – Room 1 Christmas Party at 1pm



Children who are home lunch can leave at the slightly earlier time of 12.00pm to get organised for their parties.

Dress Down Days

Our next dress down day is on Friday 20th December. Children can dress in their casual clothes and wear something festive. Eg Christmas top, headband, hat, etc. There will be no charge.

School Improvement

Literacy (Reading Schools Award)- Miss Tarqic and the Reading Schools Leadership Team are busy working towards our Silver Award this session and are currently setting up a new Library in the school for all children to access. We have purchased some new books covering all stages of the school and have also set up a Reading Shed in the playground so children can read a book at break times. Furthermore, we have started a Reading Club with the Pensioner's Group on Wednesdays> There will be a block for each class and Primary 2 have already enjoyed the experience.



Enrolment for Primary 1

The Infant enrolment process for children due to start school in August 2025 will begin from Monday 6th January to Friday 20th January. South Lanarkshire Council are asking parents to register their child using the online registration form on their website when it goes live. A link will be shared when this is available. You will be required to upload your child's full birth certificate and two proofs of residence. Eg a utility bill, bank statement, etc. Please pass this information on to anyone you may know who has a child ready to start school in August 2025. The closing date for applications is 31st January 2025.



End of Term

A reminder that school closes on Friday 20th December at the slightly earlier time of 2.30pm. All staff and pupils would like to wish everyone in the school community a very merry Christmas with your friends and family when it comes!

Best wishes,

Ingrid Gardiner.

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Head Teacher



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Dates for Your Diary



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- ❖ Sunday 1st – Christmas Tree Light Switch on at 6.15pm
- ❖ Thursday 5th – Christmas Fayre, 4.30pm - 6.30pm
- ❖ Friday 6th – P6/7 Afterschool Football
- ❖ Wednesday 11th – Christmas Lunch (wear something festive- optional)
- ❖ Thursday 12th – Nativity (afternoon) at 1.30pm
- ❖ Friday 13th – Nativity (morning) at 9.45am
- ❖ Friday 13th – P6/7 Afterschool Football (last session)
- ❖ Monday 16th – Room 4 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Tuesday 17th – Room 3 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Wednesday 18th – Room 2 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Thursday 19th – Visit to Dalserf Church at 10.00am. All welcome!
- ❖ Thursday 19th – Room 1 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Friday 20th – Dress Down Day (wear something festive – optional, no charge)
- ❖ Friday 20th – Close at 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays

January 2025

- ❖ Monday 6th – School re-opens at 9.00am. (Breakfast Club at 8.15am)

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