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# Dalsersf Primary School

## Newsletter – November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

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Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire recently as part of our school inspection by 'Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education'. Thanks also to our Parent Council chair, parents and partners who met with our lay inspector. The inspectors had an enjoyable week meeting staff, meeting children to discuss their literacy and numeracy work and chatting with them at breakfast club. Parents and carers will be informed when I receive notification of when our school report will be published.



### Anti-bullying Week

Everyone learned about the importance of why we were marking Anti-bullying week during lessons in class and sharing our learning at assembly. Room 1 spoke about their friendships and drew a picture on their hands of people who helped them. They struck their hands onto paper and created an eye-catching heart shape. Room 2 made a kindness tree and wrote kind messages to each other on leaves and added them to the tree. Room 3 and 4 spoke about the difference between rights and wants and strategies to combat bullying. Please see Twitter (X) for photographs of their work.



### Charities Pupil Leadership Team

The whole school had the opportunity to dress down recently for Children in Need. The fabulous sum of £132.57 was raised for this chosen charity. Thank you to the charities leadership team and Mrs Barber for raising awareness and organising activities for this worthwhile cause.



### Showcases

A reminder we have two class showcases this month. Please enter the school gates and go to your child's outside classroom door where you will be invited in when the children are ready.



Room 4 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 2pm

Room 2 – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm

Room 1- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm

Room 3 – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.

### P1-3 Book Bags

We would like to invite parents/carers to our book bag gifting session on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Your child will be given a Bookbug bag if they are in Primary 1 or a Read, Write, Count bag if they are in Primary 2 or 3. All pupils in P1-3 will receive a book bag with activities to take home as part of the book bag campaign funded by the Scottish Government. P3 in Room 2 will receive their bags after their showcase. Room 1 pupils will receive theirs between 2.15-2.45pm. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday afternoon.



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## Dress Down Days

Our next dress down day is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Children are invited to wear something tartan or Scottish to celebrate our patron Saint of Scotland. (Scotland rugby or Scotland football tops are only permitted). All donations will contribute towards school funds which are used to enhance your child's experiences at school. Thank you in advance, we appreciate your continued support.



## December Diary

We have many festivities coming up in the month of December so please see the additional December Diary attachment which will be added along with the November newsletter. Please note amended Christmas party dates due to staff changes.



## Christmas Fayre

Just a reminder, our Christmas Fayre is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 4.30-6.30pm with stalls selling a variety of goods including: home baking, raffle, teas and coffee, a visit to Santa to have a selfie and class Christmas crafts which the children will be selling as part of their learning in Enterprise to name but a few. Stalls can be hired for £15. Tickets are now on sale for £2 which includes entry, tea/coffee and festive treat. Please send all monies in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'Christmas Fayre'.



## Nativity

Our Nativity performances by P1-3 will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.45am. P4-7 will be singing some well-known Christmas songs. Tickets will go on sale on Friday December 1st, costing £1.50 which will also include refreshments. Tickets will be limited to two per household, however in the event of unsold tickets, we will offer these to those who have expressed an interest in additional tickets.



## Parent Council

The Parent Council have been busy sorting and compiling an inventory of the pre-loved uniforms which hang on the rail inside the bubble at the front door, these are free to take. If you have any old, wearable school uniforms your child/children have outgrown, please hand them into the school office.



The ladies are also looking for any old/unused Christmas jumpers or accessories for our Festive dress down day on the last day of term (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December). Please hand in to the office where they can be displayed in the bubble. Thank you for your support in helping to reduce the cost of the school day.



The Parent Council will also be holding Christmas raffles 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 14<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.



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### **Parent Volunteers**

Please contact the office to complete the appropriate PVG paperwork if you would like to volunteer to assist with the school's activities or are interested in running an afterschool club.



### **Parent Portal**

Please contact the office if you have not already signed up to Parent Portal. The Parent Portal allows you to have direct communication with the school, to view your child's attendance, report cards, update your child's details, and give online permission for excursions/after school clubs. These are just a few good reasons to download the app.



Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ingrid Gardiner".

Ingrid Gardiner  
Head Teacher

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## Dates for Your Diary



### November 2023

- ❖ Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – P6 Swimming L10, 1pm
- ❖ Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – P6 Swimming L11, 1pm
- ❖ Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Flu Immunisations P1-7
- ❖ Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – In-Service Day 3 (Staff only. Children do not attend school)
- ❖ Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – P6 Swimming L12 at 1pm (Last week of swimming)
- ❖ Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – P6/7 Showcase at 2pm
- ❖ Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – P3/4 Showcase at 2pm
- ❖ Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Fayre at 4.30pm - 6.30pm

### December 2023

- ❖ Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Christmas village light switch on at 6.15pm
- ❖ Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Pantomime 'Sleeping Senga' at 10am
- ❖ Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – School Christmas Lunch & Pensioner's Lunch
- ❖ Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Nativity (afternoon) at 1.30pm
- ❖ Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Nativity (morning) at 9.45am
- ❖ Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – P4/5 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – P6/7 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – P1/2/3 Christmas Party at 1pm
- ❖ Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – Dalsarf Parish Church Service - 10am (all welcome)
- ❖ Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Dress Down Day (wear something festive)
- ❖ Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Close at 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays

### January 2023

- ❖ Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Welcome back! School re-opens. Breakfast club at 8.15am.

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