

Douglas Primary School & ELC

NEWSLETTER 5- Nov 2023

SCHOOL NEWS



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please remember that this week (W.B. 27th Nov) is the final week of after school clubs for Term 1.

A new selection of clubs will be offered in Term 2. Details regarding these will be issued upon our return in January.

A big thank you to all the staff and volunteers who have enabled so many clubs to take place this term.

If anyone would be interested in running or supporting the running of a club next term then please contact Mrs Hughes.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY

To celebrate St. Andrew's day on Thursday 30th November each class will carry out their own set of activities in class. Children can also wear tartan if they want to.



REINDEER VISIT

A big thank you to Frank Swords who has kindly organised a Reindeer visit for the school & ELC on Thursday. This will be sure to get us in the spirit of Christmas.

HOMEWORK

Please be advised that the last official week of homework before the Christmas break will be this week.

PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Lucky Numbers Club

Unfortunately the Parent Council Lucky Numbers club has only had 19 people sign up to it. Therefore it is not worthwhile continuing, as the prize money would be very low.

For those that have signed up the Parent Council will return your money prior to the Christmas break.

Christmas Fair

The Parent Council Christmas Fair will be taking place on **Friday 8th December in the school hall from 9.30am—11.15am**. All family and friends of the school & ELC are welcome to come along.

Entry will cost £2 for adults which will include a drink and mince pie.

Another fantastic raffle has been organised for this year with the following top 3 prizes:

- 1st—Xbox Series S
 - 2nd—Kindle Fire
 - 3rd—'Bright' Football
- Plus many more, including cash prizes. Raffle tickets will be issued this week.

The Parent Council are looking for donations for the tombola stall and home baking stall. If you have any items for the tombola please drop them off at the school office. Any donations of home baking would be welcome on Thurs 7th Dec or on the morning of the Fair.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our school Christmas Lunch will take place on Tuesday 12th December.

Thank you to everyone who placed orders via Parents Portal. If you have not placed an order please contact the school office as the online form is now closed.



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

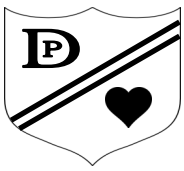
All children within the school will be taking part in our performance of 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw'.

Our first performance will take place on Wednesday 13th December at 1.30pm and the second will be an evening performance on Thursday 14th December at 7pm.

At present we are limiting each child/family to 2 tickets per performance in order to give everyone the opportunity to attend. Should there be spare tickets available we will ballot these for those that have requested extra. Please complete the online form to indicate how many tickets you would like.

[NATIVITY TICKET ORDER FORM](#)





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NEWSLETTER 5 - CHRISTMAS PLANS



Christmas Jumpers/Dress

Rather than having only one day designated for wearing Christmas jumpers we have decided to allow pupils and staff to wear Christmas dress any day they wish throughout the month of December. If your child wishes to they can come to school everyday in their Christmas jumpers/t-shirts etc.

We would like to create a Christmas clothing bank in the school, therefore if you have any items of Christmas clothing that your child has outgrown then please can you hand them into the school office.



Christmas Foodbank Appeal

During the month of December we will be collecting donations for the local food bank.

We would welcome any donations of non-perishable foods, toiletries and cleaning products.

Christmas napkins and treats such as selection boxes would also be greatly received.

We will be setting up a Food Bank Appeal table outside Mrs Hughes office where children can drop of any donations between the 1st of December until the 15th of December .

Christmas Trip

After consultation with the children we have decided to book a cinema trip for Christmas rather than the pantomime.

We will be heading to the Vue Cinema in Hamilton on Thursday 21st of December to see the film 'Wonka'. Permission forms will be issued via Parents Portal this week.

Christmas Parties

The party dates are as follows;

Fri 15th Dec—P6/7
Mon 18th Dec—P5/6
Tues 19th Dec—P3/4
Wed 20th Dec—P1/2 & P2/3

All parties will take place in the afternoon from 1pm—3pm. On the day of their party children can go home for lunch to get changed or come to school in their party clothes. If going home please collect your child from the school office at 12.15pm

Cost of the School Day

The Parent Council have secured £500 towards the purchase of gift vouchers to support those most in need at Christmas.

If you need financial support in purchasing gifts for your child for Christmas please complete the form below. Please note that the total value of vouchers issued will depend on demand.

All requests will be dealt with by Mrs Hughes so will remain confidential.

[CHRISTMAS GIFT VOUCHER REQUEST FORM](#)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

A reminder of dates in the diary - dates in red are new ones that will not be on the Term 1 calendar, please add these to your paper copy of the calendar.

Wednesday 30th November
St. Andrew's Day Celebration
(Wear tartan)

Friday 8th December
Christmas Fair 9.30—11.15am
(everyone welcome)

Monday 11th December
Flu Immunisation

Tuesday 12th December
Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 13th December
Nativity Performance 1.30pm

Thursday 14th December
Nativity Performance 7pm

Friday 15th December
P6/7 Party

Monday 18th December
P5/6 Party

Tuesday 19th December
P3/4 Party

Wednesday 20th December
P1/2 & P2/3 Party

Thursday 21st December
Cinema Trip
(Please complete permission form on Parents Portal)

Friday 22nd December
2.30pm close for Christmas!

