

# Douglas Primary School & ELC

## NEWSLETTER 4- Nov 2024

# SCHOOL NEWS



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### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please remember that next week (W.B. 25th 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

We will be celebrating St. Andrew's day on Friday 29th November where each class will carry out their own set of activities in class. Children can also wear tartan if they want to.



### HOMEWORK

Please be advised that the last official week of homework before the Christmas break will be next week (W.B. 25th Nov).

We will be asking that children start practising songs from our up and coming nativity performance.

### PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parent Council AGM was held last week and the following members were elected.

Chair—Emma Spurlock  
Vice Chair—Rory Stuart  
Secretary—Emma Cronin  
Treasurer—Claire Adair

We also welcomed several new members to the group including parent representation from the ELC. A big thank you to everyone that has joined. If you were unable to make the AGM but would be interested in joining the group please email

Douglas.Parent.Council@gmail.com

### Christmas Fair

The Parent Council Christmas Fair will be taking place on **Friday 6th 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—Nintendo Switch  
2nd—Air Fryer  
3rd—Child's bike  
Plus many more. Raffle tickets will be issued next week.

The Parent Council are looking for donations for the tombola stall. If you have any items for the tombola please drop them off at the school office.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our school Christmas Lunch will take place on Tuesday 10th December.

Please click on the link below or the link via Parents Portal to order your child's lunch. Orders will close on Friday 29th November.

[Lunch Order Form](#)



### CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

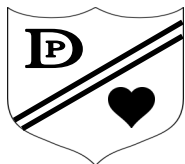
All children within the school will be taking part in our performance of 'The Amazing Advent Calendar'.

Our first performance will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 1.30pm and the second will be an evening performance on Thursday 12th 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.

[Ticket Order Form](#)





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## NEWSLETTER 4 - CHRISTMAS PLANS



### Christmas Jumpers/Dress

Rather than having one day designated for wearing Christmas jumpers pupils and staff can wear Christmas attire any day they wish throughout the month of December.

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 our Kindness Committee 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 2nd of December until the 13th of December .



### Christmas Trip

After consultation with the children we have decided to book a cinema trip for Christmas using the Participatory Budget money.

We will be heading to the Vue Cinema in Hamilton on Thursday 19th of December to see the film 'Paddington in Peru'. Permission forms will be issued via Parents Portal soon.

### Christmas Parties

The party dates are as follows;

Fri 13th Dec—P6/7  
Mon 16th Dec—P5/6  
Tues 17th Dec—P3/4  
Wed 18th 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 some funding towards the purchase of gifts for those in need this Christmas.

If you need support in purchasing gifts for your child for Christmas please complete the form below. Please note that it will be gift bags this year rather than vouchers.

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

[Christmas Gift Bag 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.

Friday 29th November  
St. Andrew's Day Celebration  
(Wear tartan)

Friday 6th December  
Christmas Fair 9.30—11.15am  
(everyone welcome)

Tuesday 10th December  
Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 11th December  
Nativity Performance 1.30pm

Thursday 12th December  
Nativity Performance 7pm

Friday 13th December  
P6/7 Party

Monday 16th December  
P5/6 Party

Tuesday 17th December  
P3/4 Party

Wednesday 18th December  
P1/2 & P2/3 Party

Thursday 19th December  
Cinema Trip  
(Please complete permission form on Parents Portal)

Friday 20th December  
2.30pm close for Christmas!

