

Gourdon Primary School Newsletter



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I am delighted to share with you this festive newsletter detailing the events which we have planned from now until we finish for the holidays on Wednesday 22nd December 2021.

This newsletter and all future letters will be posted on our school website along with a calendar of events which will be updated each month.

If you wish to find out more about any of the items in this newsletter or have questions about anything else, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Miss Angela Wells (Head Teacher)

P.E.

Term 2 (November to December)

P1/2 and P5/6/7M & C have PE on Tuesdays and P3/4 have PE on Thursdays.

Pupils should continue to come to school dressed in their PE clothes. Please ensure no jewellery is worn for PE. If earrings cannot be removed, tape should be supplied from home. Staff are not permitted to remove or put in earrings. Hair must be tied up for all PE lessons.

Thank you for your support.



Reporting to Parents



Interim Reports will be sent via email for pupils and families will also receive a separate email with instructions to access the report.

The interim report shares the current level pupils are working in and how they are progressing within the level for Literacy and Numeracy. The report also shares pupils' attitude to learning, level of effort and their personal qualities.

Interim reports will be sent week beginning **15th November 2021**.

Class teachers will continue to use See Saw to share pupil's learning with home throughout this term.

TAG Christmas Fayre Reminder

TAG Christmas Fayre is being held on Saturday 27th November from 1pm to 4pm at the Gourdon Public Hall.

Thank you for the raffle prizes already handed into the school office. Raffles can be dropped off during school hours from now until 26th November.

Tea towels will be on sale and our P5/6/7 class will be selling wreaths made from recycled materials to raise money for their Social Enterprise project.

To support the chocolate tombola stall, pupils and staff are invited to dress as they please on **Friday 12th November** and bring in an item of chocolate.



Health and Wellbeing

During Anti-Bullying week, Monday 15th November. All pupils will be taking part in activities highlighting what bullying is and what we can do to stop bullying by being kind. Pupils will also take part in an Anti-bullying assembly.

This is part of our HWB and Eco work for our school.



Children in Need



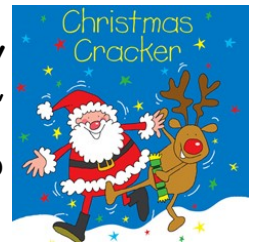
To support Children in Need, which is a charity that supports our school, pupils and staff are invited to dress as they please on **Wednesday 17th November** and bring in a donation which will go to the charity.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas Cracker Day

Pupils and staff are invited to wear their finest Christmas jumpers on **Thursday 16th December**. Pupils will take part in festive activities throughout the day, and we will also have our Christmas lunch on that day.

Orders for Christmas lunch will be sent via a google form for families to pre-order their Christmas lunch.



Christmas Parties

This year classes will be able to have their Christmas parties together. Pupils should come to school dressed in their party clothes or they can go home at lunchtime and get changed into their party clothes. Pupils going home should return to school no earlier than 1.30pm.



Monday 20th December—P5/6/7M & C Christmas Party

Tuesday 21st December—P1 to P4 Christmas Party

Christmas Light Switch On

This year we are again organising our Christmas art competition and the youngest winner will be invited to switch on the Christmas Tree Lights in the village on **Saturday 4th December**, supported by the Gourdon Community Council.

Our theme this year is 'Winter Landscape'.



Cards for the Community



Pupils will be making Christmas cards to send to our Senior Citizens. If you have a child enrolled at our school, please let us know via email gourdon.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk if you have any family members who are now retired, and we will update our Senior Citizen Club list with their details. We only require their name and address, and this will allow our pupils to post Christmas cards around our village.

Christmas Baubles

Staff and pupils will be making a Christmas bauble for a member of our school to be hung on our school Christmas trees.

We started this last year as classes were still in their 'bubbles' and could not have as much contact with each other as they used to.

The pupils really enjoyed making baubles for someone else and so we have decided to continue for this Christmas.



Health and Safety

Aberdeenshire Council has a 'no nuts in school' policy which I would ask everyone to support by making sure than no nuts or foods containing nuts are brought into school. Food items that have traces of nuts can include for example, Nutella products and cereal bars. Thank you for your support and cooperation to help to ensure the safety of our pupils.

A-tish-oo!

As the cold and flu season is upon us again, could I ask that each family brings into school a box of tissues. Boxes of tissues will be shared among the classes as we continue to make our school as safe as possible for everyone. Many thanks for your support.

Be prepared!

As we know accidents can happen in and around school. It is most helpful when pupils have a complete change of clothing with them at school as this enables staff to deal with any accidents as swiftly as possible, with minimum upset to pupils. When accidents occur and no clothing is provided from home, we could have no option but to contact home and request clothing brought to school or that pupils are sent home to change. This would of course would not be an ideal situation for anyone, but I am sure you can appreciate why we may have to do this. Thank you again for your understanding and support.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thursday 11th November—Remembrance Day 11am Silence

Friday 12th November—'Dress as you please' chocolate tombola day

Friday 12th November—Netball Club begins

Monday 15th November - Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 17th November—'Pudsey Dress as You Please Day'

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th November—In-set days (school closed to pupils)

Monday 22nd November—Flu Immunisations for P1 to P7 pupils

Saturday 27th November—TAG Christmas Fayre '@ Gourdon Public Hall

Saturday 4th December—Christmas Light Switch On

Thursday 16th December—Christmas Cracker Day

Friday 17th December—Last Netball session for the term

Monday 20th December—Sing-a-long for pupils and staff

Monday 20th December—P5/6/7M & C Christmas party

Tuesday 21st December -Snowman Drive

Tuesday 21st December— P1 to P4 Christmas party

Tuesday 21st December—Term 2 Ends @ 3.30pm

Wednesday 5th January —Term 3 Begins