

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 Friday 22nd December 2023.

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)

HWB (Health & Wellbeing)

All our pupils enjoyed their interactive SCARF workshops last week. SCARF is an innovative, interactive range of lessons that aims to support the provision of the best Health and Wellbeing education for pupils. Pupils took part in workshops focussing on friendships, feelings and decisions. The SCARF visits also support our ongoing planned Health and Wellbeing learning throughout each term.

Jamie Milne, Watch Commander at Inverbervie Community Fire Station also visited our classes last week to highlight Bonfire safety. All our pupils very much enjoy their workshop with Jamie, and we look forward to planning visits throughout the session.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Interim Reports will be sent home via email next week. Parents/carers will receive a separate email with instructions to access the report. The interim report shares the current level pupils are working within 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 for Term 1.



Following the interim reports, parents/carers will also be offered a face-to-face parent consultation this term to meet with class teachers.

TAG CHRISTMAS FAYRE REMINDER



The TAG Christmas Fayre is being held on Saturday 18th November from 11am to 3pm in our school. Raffle prizes can be dropped off during school hours from now until 17th November and of course be brought on the day.

Each class is busy making their class Enterprise craft to sell at the fayre and Café 2020 cloth bags and mugs will also be on sale.

To support the chocolate tombola stall, pupils and staff are invited to dress as they please on Friday 10th November and bring in an item of chocolate.

Any parents/carers who can support the fayre for an hour, please complete the Google form sent home earlier this week—<https://forms.gle/KK2qaZigyHLgUHjy9>

Any P6/7 pupils who wish to support their class enterprise stall can also complete the google volunteer form. As always, thank you for your continued support.

CAFÉ 2020

This term, P6/7 are organising a Café 2020 on Friday 22nd December from 10am to 12 noon. This café will be a festive sing-a-long with a prize for the most festive jumper or ensemble, festive raffle and of course tea, coffee and cakes. We look forward to welcoming our community.



CHRISTMAS SHOW



This year our we are presenting 'Lights, Camel, Action' for our whole school Christmas show on 13th and 14th December in the afternoon.

Tickets will be available for families to attend. Details will follow shortly.

WINTER ART

Gourdon Community Council (GCC) is again sponsoring our Winter Art competition. Each pupil will create a piece of art to be displayed and judged by the GCC.



1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be selected from each stage and will receive certificates and every pupil will be gifted a prize for taking part. The youngest winner of the art competition is also invited to switch on the Christmas tree lights at the harbour on Sunday 3rd December as part of the GCC Christmas light switch on event.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Christmas Jumpers

Pupils and staff are invited to wear their finest Christmas jumpers every Friday throughout December.

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.

Wednesday 20th December—P4 to P7 Christmas party

Thursday 21st December—P1 to P3 Christmas party



Christmas Light Switch On

The youngest winner of our Winter Art competition will be invited to switch on the Christmas Tree Lights in the village on Sunday 3rd 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 share with our Senior Citizens. If you have a child enrolled at our school, please let us know if you have any family members who are now retired and we will update our Senior Citizen Club list with their details. Christmas cards will be shared at our festive sing-a-long.



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 when 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. Pupils can take their bauble made for them by another pupil home, at the end of the term.

OFFICE HOURS

Please note the office hours below. The school office is unmanned outwith these hours and so communications will be responded to as soon as possible.

Monday to Thursday: 09:30-13:00 & 13:30-15:45

Friday: 09:30-13:00 & 13:30-13:45

UNIFORM ESSENTIALS

Due to the wet and cold weather, it is really helpful if pupils can come to school with waterproof clothing, jackets, shoes etc. It is also really helpful if pupils have a change of clothing in their school bags, eg. socks, tights, trousers etc. We only have a limited amount of clothing in the school and staff to support.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2023

Friday 10th November—Dress as you please chocolate donation day

Wednesday 15th November—Interim Reports to be sent out

Thursday 16th and Friday 17th November—In-set days (school closed to pupils)

Saturday 19th November—TAG Christmas Fayre @ Gourdon School

Wednesday 22nd November—Flu Immunisations for pupils

Tuesday 28th November—Parent Consultations

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Tuesday 28th November—Winter Art judging in school

Wednesday 29th November—Winter Art celebration assembly

Sunday 3rd December—Christmas Light Switch On

Wednesday 13th December—Christmas Show 2pm Early lunch from 12:00 to 13:00

Thursday 14th—December—Christmas Show 2pm Early lunch from 12:00 to 13:00

Friday 15th December—Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 19th December - M&M Productions Panto visit to school. Early lunch from 12:00 to 13:00

Wednesday 20th December—P4 to P7 Christmas party 14:00

Thursday 21st December— P1 to P4 Christmas party 14:00

Friday 22nd December—Café 2020 Festive Sing-a-long 10:00 to 12:00

Friday 22nd December—Term 2 Ends @ 3.30pm

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Monday 8th January —Term 3 Begins

Friday 9th February—Occasional Holiday

Monday 12th February—Mid-Term Holiday

Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th February—In-set days (school closed to pupils)

Thursday 28th March—Term 3 Ends

Monday 15th April—Term 4 Begins

Monday 6th May—May Day Holiday

Monday 3rd June—Occasional Holiday

Friday 5th July—Term 4 Ends