



# Wemyss Bay Primary School and Nursery Class

## Head Teacher's Newsletter

### December 2018



**Dear Parent/Carer,**

The purpose of this newsletter is to give you information, update you on recent events in school and to inform you about things which will be happening in the near future. This newsletter is also published on our school website. Address – <http://wemyssbay.inverclyde.sch.uk>

It is difficult to believe that it is December already and that Christmas is almost upon us! The school is a whirl of carols, decorations, gift making, advent calendars, nativity characters and most importantly the happy faces of our pupils as they learn within a context that is magical for them.

#### **Pupil Partnership - Charities**

In the run up to Christmas our Pupil Partnership have once again decided to support the Inverclyde Foodbank and request food items rather than monetary donations on Christmas Jumper Day and at our services as we appreciate that this is an expensive time of year for all families.

#### **Parent/Carer Pupil Update Evenings**

We were absolutely delighted to have 100% attendance for these meetings as it is well proven that teachers and parents working together to support children's learning gives them the best chance of success. We hope that you found the information shared about your child's learning useful.

#### **Christmas Cracker**

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children's class enterprises by buying their Christmas products. All classes made a profit and it was lovely to have families in and around the school sharing the Christmas spirit!

#### **Dental Inspection**

The dental inspection for P1 & P7 pupils will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. If you do not wish your child to take part please let us know by writing to the school office by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Inverclyde Academy Pantomime**

Our P6 & P7 pupils have been invited along to Inverclyde Academy on the morning of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December to see their production of 'Aladdin' featuring some former Wemyss Bay Primary pupils! - see separate letter for details.

#### **Sportshall Athletics**

Our Sportshall Athletics team are back in action on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 12.30- 2.30pm in the Greenock Sports Centre – families of the team are welcome to attend to support them – a separate letter with arrangements has been issued to those involved.

#### **Nursery Induction Afternoon**

There will be an information session for parents of children due to start nursery in January or April on the afternoon of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 2.00-3.00pm.

### **Inverclyde Academy Parental Engagement Event**

Parents/carers of pupils in P5-7 are invited to this event to be held in Wemyss Bay Primary School Hall on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30-4.30pm. This is an opportunity to learn about Inverclyde Academy from the Head Teacher, Mrs Denise Crawford, representatives of her staff and a selection of former Wemyss Bay Primary pupils who have gone on to attend Inverclyde Academy. The former pupils will also be sharing some of their musical, dance and other talents. Refreshments will be served and P5-7 pupils are welcome to attend with their parents.

### **Christmas Events**

We are looking forward to families joining us at some of these events and thank you all for supporting the school so generously with your attendance. The proceeds will all go towards enhancing your children's education and school life and we are very grateful for your support.

#### **Christmas Lights Switch On**

Our P5-7 Choir led by Mrs Gillespie will be singing at the Christmas Lights Switch On at the Community Centre on Friday 7<sup>st</sup> December at around 7.00pm (pupils are requested to arrive at 6.45pm) and families are all welcome to attend this event arranged by the Community Association in conjunction with Inverclyde Council.

#### **Nativity**

This week our Nursery and P1 & P2 pupils will put on two performances of their Nativity 'It's a Baby!' for their families and friends to attend (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am & Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> - 2.00pm). They will also perform for the school community on the Wednesday in between which will ensure that older siblings get to see their little brothers, sisters, cousins and friends perform. The proceeds from the tickets will cover costs, help to ensure that Santa's sack is full for the Nursery and P1 & P2 Christmas parties and go towards purchasing/updating performance equipment for the future.

#### **Christmas Lunch**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December is the school Christmas lunch – if you have not already done so please make sure that you have let us know your child's arrangements and, if appropriate, choices for this school event.

#### **Music Service Christmas Concert**

Some of our pupils who have instrumental and/or singing tuition in school are also involved in the Inverclyde Schools' Christmas Spectacular on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December in the Town Hall, Greenock – good luck to all of them!

#### **PTA Christmas Discos**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December is the date for the PTA school discos which I am sure will be a lot of fun for our pupils from P1-P7 – thank you once again to the PTA!

#### **Christmas Parties**

Day/Date	Time	Classes	Notes
Tuesday 11th December	1.15pm	P1 & P2	Pupils may come to school in party clothes, bring clothes to change at lunchtime or go home at lunchtime to change
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00-11.30am	Nursery – all patterns	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	1.15pm	P3 & P4	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	1.15pm	P5, P6 & P7	

If he is not too busy Santa will be making a visit to both the Nursery and P1/P2 parties!

### **Christmas Services**

This year once again we will run our Christmas closing service twice to allow as many families as possible to attend and to provide an opportunity for our whole school community to come together in a celebration of Christmas.

The first service will be on the afternoon of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm and the second that evening at 6.00pm. The service will last approximately one hour.

As each class is contributing to the service we need as many children as possible to attend in the evening and would greatly appreciate your support in achieving this.

To comply with fire regulations this requires to be a ticketed event but there will be no associated charge; instead we would welcome donations for the Inverclyde Foodbank – please see separate letter for details of how to obtain your tickets.

### **Christmas Jumper/Casual Clothes Day**

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December the children can wear Christmas jumpers, other festive clothing or casual clothes. As we are very conscious of all the additional expense that this time of year brings to families there will be no charge for this but again a donation of a non- perishable food item for Inverclyde Foodbank would be appreciated instead.

### **Holiday**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December will be our last school day of 2018 and the school and nursery will close at 2.30pm. Staff and children return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 9.00am.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all of the school staff to thank you all for your support of the school during 2018 and to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Elaine Montgomery  
Head Teacher

November Award winners:

<b>November Award Winners</b>		
<b>Class Awards</b>		
Harvey Weston	P1	Confident Individual for learning his Nativity lines and performing with enthusiasm.
Anna McKechnie	P2	Responsible Citizen for helping support the nursery throughout our Nativity.
Olivia Kelly	P3	Confident Individual for contributing to class discussions.
Anthony Ward	P4	Successful Learner for a positive attitude towards his learning and challenging himself
Kenzie McIntyre	P4	Confident Individual for always being keen to give things a go.
Sophie Miller	P5	Responsible Citizen for being a positive role model in class and helping others.
Alexander Shaw	P5	Successful Learner for his hard work and effort in developing his skills in literacy.
Aaron Woods	P6	Successful Learner for showing improvement in his attitude towards his maths learning.
Rubaina Ahmad-Moreno	P7	Successful Learner for following success criteria to meet objectives in Maths and Language.

Dates for your Diary:

Date	Event	Times	Notes
<b>December</b>			
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery - P2 Nativity Pattern 1 & 3 nursery pupils	9.30-10.30am	Ticket proceeds to nursery/school funds
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas lunch	12.15-1.15pm	Open to all P1-P7 pupils
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery - P2 Nativity Pattern 2 & 4 nursery pupils	2.00-3.00pm	Ticket proceeds to nursery/school funds
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	P1- P2 Christmas Party	Afternoon	Pupils may: come to school in party clothes, bring clothes to change at lunchtime or go home at lunchtime to change
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery (Patterns 1 & 3) Party	Morning	
	Nursery (Patterns 2 & 4) Party	Afternoon	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	P3- P4 Christmas Party	Afternoon	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day	All Day	Donation for Foodbank
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	P5-P7 Christmas Party	Afternoon	As above
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Assembly (afternoon)	2.00-3.00pm	Parents/Carers welcome at either - details to follow
	Christmas Assembly (evening)	6.00-7.00pm	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	School closes	2.30pm	Happy holidays!
<b>January</b>			
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school	9.00am	
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	P4 Class Assembly	9.30-10.00am	Parents/Carers/Family of P4 pupils welcome to attend
	Fairtrade Coffee Morning	10.00-10.30am	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	P5 Curriculum Event	9.30-10.30am	P5 Parent/Carers event