

26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

## CHRISTMAS 2020 NEWSLETTER

I hope you are all well. It is hard to believe it is nearly Christmas again and this year our events will be different than what we usually have planned. Staff are working so hard to make Christmas time in our school as festive as always, however we need to be mindful of keeping everyone safe. Therefore, this year we ask that no Christmas cards or gifts are brought into school. Each year, we are overwhelmed by the generosity of our community, however we need to reduce the spread of the virus by ensuring as little as possible is transferred between home and school. We are also aware of the financial implications brought about by the Covid pandemic and do not want any extra burden placed on our families at this time. Thank you for your continued understanding as we continue to ensure Garnock Community Campus Primary and Early Years operates as safe as possible for children and staff.

Below are some of the events planned for Christmas 2020. **Please note, due to the current situation these dates may be subject to change and we will keep you informed if and when we are notified of any changes.**

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

<b>From 1<sup>st</sup> December:</b>	Advent Carolling (see below).
<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	Virtual pantomime 'Aladdin'.
<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	P1/2 and P6/7 Christmas parties.
<b>Tue 15<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	P4/5 and P5/6 Christmas parties.
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> December:</b>	P2, P3/4 and P7 Christmas parties.
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> December:</b>	School closes for Christmas break.

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

P7 are busy making Christmas items and they are hoping to sell these to parents and carers. Keep your eyes peeled for an order form in the very near future. P7 are hoping to have a 'virtual raffle' so if there are any donations of bottles or any unwanted gift sets etc. Please ensure any donations are handed to the school by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** so that items can be left for 72 hours before the raffle. We are hoping to provide an opportunity for the children to have a 'socially distanced' Christmas-themed photograph and more information will follow. A big thank you to P7, Mrs Graham and Mrs Sutherland for creating a Christmas fayre with a difference!

### ADVENT CAROLLING

*'The Best Way to Spread Christmas Cheer is Singing Loud for All to Hear.'* Since we are unable to sing or perform as the school choir, we have decided to take the singing outside, cheer everyone up and get them in the festive mood. For every day we are in school during Advent we hope to post a singing video on Twitter! Be sure to look out for these musical treats and like and share! A big thank you to Miss McGregor who is organising the carolling and to all classes for practising their singing!

## **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

All parties will be held in the classrooms this year with a variety of music and games, all adhering to health and safety guidance. Children can come dressed to school in their party clothes on the day of their party.

## **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY**

Primary 1 and 2 have been working hard to record the 'socially distanced' Nativity. It will be available on DVD and more information will follow. I would like to thank all staff in the campus who have worked so hard to prepare the children for the Nativity, creating scenery and filming. It has been a real team effort and I am sure you will not be disappointed with the result!

## **PARENT COUNCIL**

A huge thank you to our supportive Parent Council who have once again went above and beyond to support the children. Oh yes they have! They have paid for the virtual pantomime to ensure our children experience a panto this year.

## **FESTIVE FRIDAY**

For each Friday in December, we are going to have a 'Festive Friday' where children can come dressed to school with something 'Christmassy'. This could be a Christmas jumper, a piece of tinsel or a Christmas head band. There will be no charge for the wearing of Christmas items.

## **HOMEWORK**

As term 2 is almost coming to an end, we have decided to have a digital homework week (Sumdog, Education City etc) week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> November to be submitted by 7<sup>th</sup> December and Christmas homework week, week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December. Homework will then stop and resume again in the new year.

## **END OF TERM TREAT**

For our term 2 end of term treat, we have arranged a silent disco for the children to enjoy. The classes are busy compiling their playlists for the silent disco. More details to follow soon.

## **PE**

During inclement weather over the winter, gym will take place indoors. We continue to ask that children come to school dressed in their uniform on the 'top half' and gym clothes on the 'bottom half' during gym days.

## **CHRISTMAS BREAK**

Garnock Community Campus will close for the Christmas break on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**. **P1/2, P3/4, P4/5 and P5/6** will be dismissed at **2.15pm** and **P2, P6/7 and P7** will be dismissed at **2.20pm**. The school will re-open on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021** at **8.50am (P1/2, P3/4, P4/5 and P5/6)** and **8.55am (P2, P6/7 and P7)**.

All staff at Garnock Community Campus would like to thank all parents, carers and the community for the immense support and understanding so far this session. We appreciate your continued strong support of the school. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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