



RESPECT INCLUSION TEAMWORK EFFORT

DIARY DATES

Saturday 12th December Winter Trail 2-5pm

Thursday 17th December Lyceum Christmas Tales Online Panto

Friday 18th December Online Christmas Assembly broadcast live on Teams

Tuesday 22nd December **Noon** End of Term (see year group times below)

11 December 2020

Dear Families

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is now very much in full swing in school. This week the children enjoyed some hot chocolate with a Christmas story. They also made outstanding Christmas wreaths showing great creativity and originality. A big thank you to Sciennes' floristry parents Kate from 'Stems' and Sarah from 'Pollination' who kindly donated materials. Kate also helped judge the wreath competition along with Ms Anstruther. Two classes were awarded joint first place and they were P3C and P5C. Today was Christmas Jumper Day and it was just lovely to see the children looking so festive and colourful! As you know, we were raising money for Save The Children and have been astonished that, with Gift Aid included, it has reached almost £900! Such amazing generosity from our amazing families.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY ASSEMBLIES

It was already a grand amount raised for Save The Children at the time we announced it in Assemblies today. Our P4-P6 Equality Advisors introduced themselves and wanted me to pass on their thanks to all families who have completed their anti-bullying survey. P1 and P2 pupils will get a paper questionnaire next week and P3-P7 will be able to do this online from next week on SeeSaw or Teams. We linked the Save The Children appeal to our school value of Inclusion and I read Dr Seuss' story of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" to P1-P3. It really has been wonderful to witness the kindness our whole school community is willing to extend to others.

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

When I lead the online Assemblies next Friday we will be joined in part by Stuart Irvin, Minister at St Catherine's of Argyll. Stuart's contributions and stories always encourage the children to think about universal human values, but if you do not want your child to take part, please let your child's teacher know and an alternative activity in school will be provided.

WINTER TRAIL FUN!

We are so looking forward to the Winter Trail tomorrow. The Parent Council has been working incredibly hard to bring some magic and fun to our children. Fran Armour and Susan Dunlop from the EFG group have been coordinating this exciting event, supported by Chairs of the Parent Council Caroline McKellar and Leda Uberbacher. The weather forecast isn't too great but stick on your cagoules and we will see you there. Thanks also to the host families. We couldn't do this without you. Primary 7 pupils and staff have adapted their Enterprise work to sell products in a COVID safe manner, in much the same ways that many established businesses have also had to adapt.

LETTER FROM CONVENER OF EDUCATION – COUNCILLOR IAN PERRY

Please find attached a letter from Cllr Ian Perry, Convener for Education, confirming the published school holiday dates in line with the First Minister's statement last week. This will also be on the Council website and you should receive a text from the council alerting you to this. We have attached it for your convenience.

CLOSING FOR CHRISTMAS

School will close on **Tuesday 22 December** around noon. Please see staggered year group finish times below:

P1 and P2	12.10pm
P3 and P4	12.05pm
P5, P6 and P7	11.55am

I look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow.

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SUMMARY OF STAGGERED START AND FINISH TIMES AT SCIENNES PRIMARY SCHOOL AUGUST 2020

P1, P3 and P5 WEST WING

P2, P4, P6 and P7 EAST WING

Year Group	Start Time	Mon – Thurs Finish Time	Friday Finish Time	ENTRANCE/EXIT
P1	9.00am	2.50pm	12.10pm	WEST DOOR (Sick Kids Hospital side) Parents wait in playground in West zone
P2A, P2B	9.00am	2.50pm	12.10pm	EAST DOOR (Main Entrance)
P2C	9.00am	2.50pm	12.10pm	Classroom Entrance/Exit from Playground
P3	8.50am	3.20pm	12.05pm	WEST DOOR
P4	8.50am	3.20pm	12.05pm	EAST DOOR
P5	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	WEST DOOR
P6	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	EAST DOOR
P7	8.40am	3.10pm	11.55am	EAST DOOR

***N.B. PUPILS SHOULD ONLY USE THE ENTRANCE/EXIT STIPULATED**

DROP OFF All pupils can come into school directly without lining up BUT ONLY AT THE TIMES ABOVE AND USING THEIR CORRECT ENTRANCE AT THEIR PARTICULAR ENTRY TIME. P1 and P2 parents/carers may enter the playground at Drop Off. Please then leave the playground promptly. Please note that P1 and P2 finish time on a Friday is 12.10pm.

PICK UP P6 and P7 pupils may only be collected from **outside the school gates**. P1-P5 Parents, please **only enter the playground just before your designated pick up time**, ensure 2m distancing and then vacate the playground immediately you have collected your child to avoid congregating. If you have siblings who need collected at different times, please leave the playground, move away from the front of the school and return at the designated time. Thank you.