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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to our December Newsletter!

There are several items we would like to share with you.

International Evening – Thursday 6 December

Our wonderful International Evening is this Thursday. Many thanks to Astrid Azurdia for organising this important event. Many thanks too to the Parent Council for their help with it.

Tickets have already been distributed. Please remember to bring your tickets on the night and most importantly please remember to bring a dish to share!

Parking Pledge

We are very pleased to announce that 231 families have signed up to our Parking Pledge. We have issued a new letter to the families who have not returned the Pledge and hope that we can have the support of even more families. We would like all parents to sign the parking pledge as a gesture of support, even if they currently do not have a car.

Remember keeping cars away from Otago Street and Westbank Quadrant at pick up and drop off times means that all of our children are safer.

Head Lice

We have put information on our website with regards to this recurring problem. Look in the Parents Zone section for the most up to date advice. Every one's cooperation – by carrying out weekly checks and acting accordingly – is the way to contain and eradicate this problem.

Dogs in Playground

Please note that no dogs should be brought into our playgrounds or into the school building. If a dog is brought to the school premises it should be secured well away from the school gates.

Social Action

We have made a strong commitment to several Social Action initiatives.

Friday 30 November our P7s have organised a Bake Sale where a cake and a small cup of juice is £1. The money collected will be divided between three charities chosen by the

children – The Beatson; Scottish Refugee Council and Ocean Clean Up. Well done to all of the pupils involved and many thanks to everyone who supported the event by making cakes! The children have raised over £650 selling their cakes! Outstanding!

We are beginning our Reverse Advent Calendar from Monday 3 December. Each child is allocated a date and is asked to bring in a small contribution on that date. The contribution can be food, sweets, a small new toy/book or anything that would make a nice gift.

All items donated will be formed into hampers and will be given to local charities to support those in need (The children will choose the charities this week).

Rice Challenge

P7 have taken on the rice challenge. They pledged to sell 360kg of Fairtrade rice. Every 90kg of rice sold creates enough funding for 1 pupil to go to Secondary School in Malawi for a year. Their target was to support 4 pupils but they have now passed that target and aim to be able to send 5 pupils to school. A brilliant achievement! The P7s will have their rice on sale at their stall at the International Evening. Well Done and Good Luck! We are very proud of you!

Toiletries collection for Refuweegie

We have had an excellent response to this appeal and thank you very much for your kindness.

Wear a Jumper Day – Friday 14 December

Many children have asked if we could support Wear a Christmas Jumper Day. We have agreed that on that day children (and staff) can choose to wear a jumper (of any kind) to school. Please do not feel that you have to buy a jumper for your child for this event. You don't. Your child can wear her/his favourite jumper – or not. We ask that everyone who supports this event contributes £1 and we will make a donation to a children's charity.

Collection after the holidays

Finally we hope to have a collection of unwanted/duplicate gifts after the holiday and we will re-gift these items to people who can use them. More details to follow.

Uniform Code

The Wear a Jumper Day is the occasional exception we make to the wearing of our School Uniform.

Our children are generally very good at wearing our agreed School Uniform on a daily basis – especially the top half. However recently a number of children have been wearing leggings, jeans, joggy bottoms and track suit bottoms. The uniform guidelines are printed below and we would ask everyone to comply with them.

The support for the uniform was overwhelming when we moved to our new school and the consistency of cooperation from the overwhelming majority of our parents is greatly appreciated.

There are several reasons why we have school uniform but the focus at this point is to have good quality comfortable clothing that is uniform. We do not want children wearing expensive jeans or hoodies in school – a uniform is meant to be a social equaliser and we would ask everyone to support the school with this matter.

Uniform Guidelines

- ❖ White polo shirt featuring the school badge
- ❖ Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
- ❖ Green sweatshirt jumper or cardigan with school badge
- ❖ Grey or bottle green tights
- ❖ Grey or white socks
- ❖ Black school shoes

Pupils' Success

Some recent successes to highlight and celebrate

Masyel P6 who was first in a national Sumdog competition that had twenty thousand entrants. Well done Masyel!

P7d who took 3rd place in the Glasgow Sumdog Challenge. Well done P7d and Mr Garry!

Finlay Adler who finished first in the Garscube Harriers cross country, well done Finlay!
Finlay has also been selected to represent Glasgow Boys at Football! Well done Finlay!

Well done too to the other pupils who ran in the Cross Country, their combined efforts meant that Hillhead Primary took the P7 boys' team prize and were second overall in the P7 girls' team prize. Excellent news!

Key dates between now and the end of term

Thursday 6 December

- International Evening 6-8pm

Tuesday 11 December

- Infant Show – Say Hello to Little Jo – for P3 parents 10:30-11:15am (approx)
- P6 Party

Wednesday 12 December

- Infant Show – Say Hello to Little Jo – for P2 parents 10:30-11:15am (approx)
- P5 Party

Thursday 13 December

- Infant Show – Say Hello to Little Jo – for P1 parents 10:30-11:15am (approx)
- P4 Party

Friday 14 December

- Wear a Jumper Day
- Christmas Lunch in the dinner hall
- P3 Party

Monday 17 December

- P1 and P2 Santa Party

Tuesday 18 December

- P7 Party

Thursday 20 December

- School closes at 2:30pm for the holidays. School reopens on Monday 7 January 2019

A very Merry Christmas to all of our families who celebrate Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year to everyone.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis Donaghy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Francis Donaghy
Head Teacher