



## DECEMBER 2023 UPDATE

Firstly, I would like to thank all the parents, relatives, staff and pupils who participated in our Christmas events. Our school nativities and 'Christmas songs in the Hub' were well attended and at capacity. Your food bank donations were overwhelming and hopefully, these will go some way to helping families who are finding things challenging at the moment.

This update is just to remind you of some the things which were arranged this week and some additional things which have been added.

### **Class Christmas Parties – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December we are going to be holding a whole school Pyjama Day. This will double as a Christmas party day for all our classes. We invite all children to wear pyjamas, onesies, or anything else festive. This will be worn outside during break and lunch time so needs to be weather appropriate! Please do not go to the expense of buying new clothing for this event. Each class will watch the following movies on Tuesday, all of which are PG ratings. The children will watch them in class, if you feel that the chosen film for your child is not suitable then please get in touch with our school office and your child can be elsewhere in the school at movie time.

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Film</u></b>	<b><u>Rating</u></b>
<b>P1W</b>	The Grinch (animation)	<b>PG</b>
<b>P2R</b>	The Grinch (animation)	<b>PG</b>
<b>P2/3</b>	Super Mario Bros	<b>PG</b>
<b>P3C-G</b>	The Grinch	<b>PG</b>
<b>P4J</b>	The Bad Guys (A Very Bad Holiday)	<b>PG</b>
<b>P4/5</b>	Home Alone 2	<b>PG</b>
<b>P5J</b>	Christmas Chronicles	<b>PG</b>
<b>P6S</b>	Elf	<b>PG</b>
<b>P6/7</b>	The Grinch	<b>PG</b>
<b>P7N</b>	Home Alone 1	<b>PG</b>

### **School Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

School Cook Elaine and her wonderful team will be serving up Christmas Lunch on Christmas party day. That can be paid for, as usual, through parent pay.

### **Nursery Christmas Activity and Song Day – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (1.30pm)**

Parents are invited to attend the above event which will be held in our Early Childhood Centre.

### **Santa Run – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

On the above date we will be hosting our first every Rattray Santa Run. All children from P1 – P7 will participate in a run or walk around the common followed by a fun outdoor disco during school hours. Children can wear a Santa hat or other festive head gear on Wednesday to help with the festive feel!

### **Pupil Festive Fun Day – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

On these days pupils will be able to enjoy a variety of Christmas themed stalls such as Pin the Nose on Rudolph, Christmas Ping-Pong, Bouncy Castle, Higher and Lower and lots more. Children will be given 2 tokens to use on the stalls as a gift from the school and parents will have the opportunity to purchase additional tokens through Parent Pay for their children to use. 1 token will equal 50p.

### **Christmas Hampers**

Our Christmas Hamper draw will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to all of those who bought tickets and donated items.

### **Staffing Changes**

Recently, Miss Robyn Gunn moved onto a new post at Coupar Angus Primary School. Miss Gunn had a very successful probationer year with us last year and covered a number of staff absences for us this term. We wish Miss Gunn great success in her new long-term post.

Since April of this year, Miss Jade Nesbitt has been working in our school as a pupil support assistant covering Miss Shaw's maternity leave and other staff absences. Miss Nesbitt will be leaving Rattray at Christmas as her baby is due. We really hope Miss Nesbitt relaxes and makes the most of her last few weeks of pregnancy and, hopefully, her baby will not have her waiting too long in January.

### **Parent Council Support**

The support given by our Parent Council and parents this festive season has been immeasurable. However, I would particularly like to draw attention to the recent charity shop ran by some of our parents to raise funds for our Parent Council. The charity shop ran last week and was organised and staffed by parents Tracey Carrie and Amber Cushnie, with help from Kelly Sturrock. The undertaking of this task was mammoth, and the school and the parent council really appreciated the efforts taken to make this fundraising event such a success. The charity shop raised an amazing £439 and many of the donations went a long way to helping local families have a lovely Christmas. Alongside this both ladies (Tracey and Amber) arranged a bingo tea in the summer which raised fantastically over £1000. On behalf of all our pupils and staff, I'd like to thank Tracey and Amber for their huge fundraising efforts this year.

### **Last day of term**

Our school and early childhood centre closes for our Winter break at **12 noon on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your continuing support. I hope you have the most wonderful Christmas with your family and friends. Here's hoping that 2024 brings much happiness for all.

Yours faithfully



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