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## December Newsletter

**Don't Forget: Monday is St Andrews Day Holiday – No School**

**This will be the last paper newsletter sent out as we will email this and we put all this information on the App and Website now.**

**XPRESSIONS APP** – Could everyone please download this new app as we will be sending out messages through this from now on. You will still get an email as well but with the app it is much easier to keep track of things and is a very useful parental tool. Any problems with downloading this please let Tamsin know.

### **Book Week Scotland– Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.**

We had a very busy week during Book Week. The children had lots of time to 'stop everything and read' and 'find an unusual place to read', reading inside and outside. They made their own magnetic bookmarks. The whole class took part in a presentation of 'The Gruffalo in Scots', our younger pupils used puppets to tell the story whilst our older pupils read the story out. We joined in with Authors Live: Book Week Scotland Authors Live broadcast to celebrate the 20th anniversary of *The Gruffalo*, learning a lot about Scottish and gaelic words.



### **Starting a Celidh Band in Music Lessons**

We are starting a Celidh band in music lessons with our great new music teacher, Ms Scott. She is teaching our P5-7 pupils to play instruments or improve their playing. We have everyone playing something and they are having a great time doing it. Watch out for a performance soon!





### Joining the Friday Club

We joined the Sprouston Friday Club for their Christmas meeting and entertained them with a recital of 'The Gruffalo in Scots'. We enjoyed joining in with the singing by The Border Tarts and had a 'guid' time. Thank you to Christine who came into school to make some goodies with the children to take with them and share with everyone.

### Christmas Fair

Don't forget to come along to the Parent Council's Christmas Fair on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November starting at 11 o'clock in the Village Hall. We have lots of great stalls coming. Come and buy some Christmas gifts. Please spread the word to family and friends. A huge thank you to Laura for all her hard work in organising this.



### Parent Council

The next meeting of the parent council will take place in school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon. All parents are very welcome to attend, please bring children if you want/need to.

### Christmas Week Activities

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> –	House Captains Christmas Scatter – PM
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> –	Pantomime Trip to the Maltings – AM
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> –	Christmas Play – 2pm and 6pm. <b>All welcome.</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> –	Carol Service in the Church – 9.15am <b>All welcome</b>
	Christmas Lunch
	Christmas Party – PM
	Children can wear their own clothes on this day.



## School term dates for 2019/20

### Autumn term

- Thursday 07 Nov 2019 - Staff in service day
- Friday 08 Nov 2019 - Staff in service day
- Monday 02 Dec 2019 - St Andrew's Day holiday, school closed
- Thursday 19 Dec 2019 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

### Winter term

- Monday 06 Jan 2020 - All resume
- Thursday 13 Feb 2020 - Last day for pupils - February holiday
- Friday 14 Feb 2020 - Staff in service day
- Thursday 20 Feb 2020 - All resume
- Friday 03 Apr 2020 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

### Summer term

- Monday 20 Apr 2020 - All resume (Good Friday falls within Spring break)
- **Thursday 07 May 2020 - Staff in service day**
- **Friday 08 May 2020 - VE Day holiday, school closed** (replaces Monday Bank Holiday date)
- Tuesday 30 Jun 2020 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

### Casual holidays

- Friday 11 Oct 2019
- Wednesday 19 Feb 2020

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Please remember to look regularly at the School App / Xpressions App / Website / Facebook / Twitter pages for information, news and messages and don't forget to use Easy Fundraising for online purchases 😊

