

Isla Primary School Newsletter

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Honesty, respect, responsibility, kindness, perseverance and teamwork

Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome to our November newsletter! Thank you to everyone who has completed our recent survey via Forms, this provides important feedback for school improvement. You will be aware that Mrs Tolland is currently off, this has meant that I have been in class for a period of time, but fortunately we have managed to now secure a supply teacher, with Miss McComiskie with us up until the forthcoming In Service Days of the 30th November and 1st December.

Many thanks to everyone who attended our recent parent/carers evening. This was very well attended. I would also like to extend thanks to all parents and carers who helped with our recent autumn garden clear up, shed maintenance and to the parents and carers who have visited P5-7 to support the class social studies project.

We have experienced some significant absence over the last couple of weeks. With this in mind our school photographer has kindly offered to return to school on the 28th November.

At the time of writing, the school is planned for closure on the 24th November owing to industrial action from members of the EIS and AHDS unions. Please keep updated regarding any changes via the school app and or the school Twitter account.

The next few weeks are always a busy and happy time in schools with preparations for musical and drama performances at Christmas. We will be holding a brass musical performance on the 19th December at 1430 in the school. This is open to all families. We then have our school show performance of "The magical Christmas jigsaw" on the 20th December at 1830. We have still to finalise a date for a Christmas service with Rev Blakey, this should be confirmed within the next week.

We continue our journey as a school to become a UNICEF Rights Respecting School. The Pupil Council are leading many initiatives in school and your support in discussing the rights of children at home will greatly support us in this journey.

With best wishes,

Simon McKell
Head Teacher

P1 Read, Write Count bags

The free P1 Read, Write, Count bags will be available for collection next week. These will be available to collect in school by all P1 parent/carers at 1500 on the 29th November.

Boys toilets

It is with significant regret that the school continues to experience almost weekly issues surrounding conduct within the boys toilets and disrespect of property and resources. Walls have been vandalised, soap used excessively, rubbish put down toilets and dirt smeared on walls. Staff have consistently given a message of ensuring respect for our building, resources and each other and we kindly ask that you support this key message. We sincerely hope that the issues cease.

Parent helpers

Thanks to all parent/carer helpers over the last few weeks who have assisted with trips, maintenance and talks in class. This is much appreciated.

Mrs McMaster P5-7

Mrs McMaster will shortly be finishing her placement here at Isla Primary School. She has had a fantastic placement and we wish her all the very best in her professional teaching career.

Rugby sessions

P1-7 have enjoyed our recent rugby taster sessions. Many thanks to Euan and Emma for coming into coach us.

Weather

The weather last week was a really testing time for all. With regret the football tournament at Webster's had to be postponed by Active Schools and the school had to close on the 18th November. A new date for the football tournament will be forthcoming. We have decided to reschedule the non-uniform day for Children in Need to the 25th November. With the winter here, we kindly ask that children come to school each day with a waterproof jacket. Thank you.

P5-7 Basketball sessions

Basketball for P5-7 and after school club will take place on the 25th of November and 9th December.

Christmas Cards

Congratulations to both Roby and James who were both runners up in the recent Dave Doogan MP Christmas Card competition.

Cauliflower Christmas cards

Thank you for ordering the Christmas cards, these are now in the process of being printed and will be despatched home once they arrive in school.

Dundee Rep trip

We very much look forward to the whole school trip to Dundee Rep on the 7th December. We are looking to leave sharply at 0855. Can children please wear school uniform and bring a healthy snack on the day. No school bag will be necessary on the day. Many thanks to the Parent Council for financing both the tickets and transport for this event.

Nursery beach trip

A new date for the Nursery trip to Arbroath will be made in Spring 2023.

Christmas Church Service

The school is currently in negotiations to confirm a date and time for a school church service ahead of the end of term, during school hours. Once this is confirmed we will communicate this via the app.

Ski trip March 2023

We have a provisional date of 6th March 2023 to join Active Breaks at Glenshee. Under guidance and advice from our provider, this trip will solely be for P2-7 and for three days. More details to follow.

Dates for the diary

25 th November	P7 trip to Webster's for transition
25 th November	P5-7 after school basketball
28 th November	Shaun Ward school photographer in
29 th November	P1 Read, Write, Count bags for parents and carers to collect 1500
30 th November	In Service Day – <u>School closed for children</u>
1 st December	In Service Day – <u>School closed for children</u>
2 nd December	St Andrew's HOLIDAY – <u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u>
6 th December	Nursery parent and carer stay and play session from 1400
7 th December	P1-7 trip to Dundee Rep
9 th December	Virtual athletics P5-7
9 th December	P5-7 after school basketball
15 th December	Last swimming session for P5-7
16 th December	Christmas lunch by Tayside Contracts
19 th December	Brass Christmas concert 1430
20 th December	School Christmas Show 1830
22 nd December	School Christmas party afternoon
23 rd December	End of term
9 th January 2023	School opens for new term

