

Dear RDM Family,

December already! – It's certainly beginning to feel a lot like Christmas at RDM. Our decorations are up, and rehearsals are in full swing! Every corner I turn there is a song being rehearsed or a brass instrument being tuned!

We look forward to seeing you for our infant and nursery nativities this week. December is always a very busy month in a primary school – below you will find some reminders of what is still to come and a few dates that will be helpful for the new year.

## **1. P4-7 COMMUNITY CAROL CONCERT**

P4-7 will be hosting an **OUTDOOR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT** on **WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** starting at **6.30pm**.

Everyone should enter via the side gate as the singing will take place at the front of the school. Pupils are requested to arrive at 6.20pm and meet their class teachers.

Come prepared with any head torches / lights / lanterns that you have to help guide the way. Song sheets will be issued, so that you can join in. The aim of this event is to get together a community and spread some festive cheer.

Each class will be leading us in song – the event will last for approximately 1 hour.

If the weather takes a turn for the worse, we plan to have a virtual concert which we will send out via our twitter feed.

There are no tickets for this event, but there will be an opportunity to purchase Christmas treats / hot drinks.

## **2. Nursery - Mrs Dempsey**

Many of you may already know that our lovely senior ECP Mrs Dempsey will be leaving the team at RDM at the end of term. We all know how superb and amazingly proficient Mrs Dempsey is at running our nursery – and now the Care Inspectorate have come to realise this too. Mrs Dempsey will be leaving us to undertake a new role as an Inspector – working to improve nurseries across Scotland in order to make them as good as ours! She has promised to write us glowing reports if she comes to inspect us soon. We know she will just excel in this role and that the time is right for her to do this. I'm sure Mrs Dempsey will be happy if you want to pop over and wish her a good-bye and good luck in her new adventure!

### 3. REMINDER CHRISTMAS PARTIES / DATES



Date	Event
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 – P3 Nativity Nursery Christmas Party Scone Seniors Concert
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 – P3 Nativity
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch Wear Christmas Jumpers Nursery Celebration
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	P6 Christmas Party (afternoon)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	P5 (morning) P4 (afternoon) Christmas Party P7 Christmas Party (evening)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	P3 (morning) P2 (afternoon) Christmas Party Outdoor Christmas Community Carol Service P4 – P7
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 Christmas Party (morning) Specialist Provision Christmas Party (afternoon)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service at Church School Closes at 12 noon

## 4. GOOD HAND HYGIENE

As happens at this time of year we are hit with several bugs and colds. We are working hard to remind all our learners about the importance of good hand hygiene so that we can prevent the spread of infection. Can we ask that you also reinforce the importance of this at home? If your child is off sick with a sickness related bug, the guidelines state that they should not return to school until they are clear of this for 48 hours.



Can I take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Christmas with very best wishes for 2020 from all the staff at RDM.

*Lynne Lambert*

**Mrs Lambert – Head Teacher**

## Looking ahead to...2020

### 5. REGISTRATION FOR P1 and NURSERY for AUGUST 2020

Registration for prospective **new pupils for P1** for session 2020/21 will take place in January 2020. The specific dates for these are set by Perth & Kinross Council. This information is advertised in local press.

We will keep our Nursery parents up to date with this.

The applications process for early learning and childcare (ELC) places in Perth & Kinross Council nursery classes and early childhood centres is changing, from January 2020. With a huge increase in funded (free) ELC provision for 3-5 year olds and eligible 2 year olds, PKC are looking to make applying for a place for your child as simple and straightforward as possible. From 20 January 2020, you will be able to apply online via the Council website.

Look out for full details coming in the New Year. Should you require further information meantime, please visit [www.pkc.gov.uk/families](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/families).

<b>Monday 6 January</b>	Term begins
<b>Wednesday 12 February</b>	In-Service Training Day for Staff. <b>School closed to all pupils</b>
<b>Thursday 13 February</b>	<b>MID-TERM HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Friday 14 February</b>	<b>MID-TERM HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Monday 17 February</b>	School re-opens after mid-term holiday
<b>Friday 3 April</b>	Term ends at 3.15 p.m.
<b>Monday 20 April</b>	Term begins
<b>Friday 8 May</b>	<b>MAY DAY HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Friday 22 May</b>	In-Service Training Day for Staff. <b>School closed to all pupils</b>
<b>Wednesday 1 July</b>	Term ends at 12.00 noon