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December Newsletter



We must all remain vigilant about Covid 19, Please do not send your child/ren in if they have any of the symptoms.

Please remember to wear a mask and socially distance in the playground at pick up time

WOW (World of Work) Workshops

P7 will be taking part in 3 virtual workshops in December.

The [Virtual Code Art](#) session allows pupils to use coding to create shapes and colours and allows students to program their own artwork while learning basic programming skills and highlight links to digital careers in programming and web design.

The [Virtual Cracking Cryptography](#) session teaches pupils about cryptography and use programs to encrypt and decrypt messages while exploring careers in cybersecurity.

The [Virtual Games Design](#) session uses Microsoft MakeCode to allow pupils to create their own short video games using similar easy to use visual drag and drop programming to make the game and learn basic programming skills. This allows discussion of the skills they have used and exploring links to relevant computer and digital related careers like but not limited to programming and games design.

Eagle Schools

We are working with the Southern Upland Partnership on their Eagle School program. This focuses on eagle ecology, their place in history and culture and learning how to identify Golden Eagles from other birds of prey. Through an array of cross-curricular activities, students not only gain a knowledge of Golden Eagles but will consider their relationship with the natural world and formulate their own opinions on their place within it.



Dissecting owl pellets and investigating food chains.

Scottish Book Week

During the week we were focusing on reading for enjoyment, the Scots language by learning 'Room on the Broom' in Scots and Scottish folklore by reading 'Thomas the Rhymer'. Our pupils shared their learning online with the pupils at Ednam.

P1 and P3 were presented with bookbags and developed their storytelling and the features of non fiction.

Christmas

Many things will be different this year due to Covid 19 and we will greatly miss our annual whole school Christmas Performance but we will be working hard to ensure that the children still have lots of fun in school. Some children have asked if they can still bring in Christmas cards and to allow this to happen we must ask you to only send cards in on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday so that the cards can be set aside until the following Monday to make them safe to give out each week. The last date for bringing Christmas cards in will be Wednesday 9th December.



Other things we have planned for the children running up to Christmas are;

Christmas themed learning activities	throughout December
Wear something Christmassy Day / Christmas Jumper Day (Please bring in a donation for Save the Children if you can)	Monday 14 th December
Christmas scavenger hunt event led by House Captains	Wednesday 16 th December
Showcase of learning video – Link sent out to all parents	Thursday 17 th December
Outdoor Christmas party – dress warmly	Thursday 17 th December
Christmas Lunch - please login to ParentPay to book this for your child/ren asap so that we can get an idea of numbers ahead of time. Thank you.	Thursday 17 th December
Christmas Movie and PJ Day	Friday 18 th December

Clothes and the Weather

Now that the weather is getting colder, please make sure your child comes dressed suitably for the weather as we like to learn outdoor as much as possible. This should include: warm coat, hats and gloves.

Easy Fundraising Website

Remember whilst you are doing your Christmas shopping online, if you register with Easy Fundraising you can raise funds for the school.

Please support Sprouston Primary School on #easyfundraising, you can raise FREE donations when you shop online with over 4,300 retailers. In the lead up to Christmas, it's the easiest time of the year to support us! It's simple and only takes 2 minutes to sign up! Plus, once you have raised your first £5, easyfundraising will match it! Sign up now: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sproustonps/?invite=SJWNDQ&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=refmailshare

IPads

Some pupils are coming to school without their ipads or with ipads that have little or no charge to them. These are used everyday for lessons. Please help your child/ren remember to bring them to school and to charge them regularly.

Parent Council 50/50 Lottery

Congratulations to Marion, who was entered by Tommy & Faye for being our November winner.

Reminders:

We are still collecting milk bottle tops for cancer research and empty crisp packets for the school, so please keep sending these in.

Parent Council

Next meeting: 4th February 2021 at 7.30pm. All Welcome. This will be done virtually on Zoom. We will invite all parents to this and hope that you can join us.



Autumn term

- Monday 30 Nov 2020 - St Andrew's Day holiday, school closed
- Friday 18 Dec 2020 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

Winter term

- Tuesday 5 Jan 2021 - All resume
- Thursday 11 Feb 2021 - Last day for pupils - February holiday
- Friday 12 Feb 2021 - Staff in service day
- Wednesday 17 Feb 2021 - All resume
- Thursday 1 Apr 2021 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

Summer term

- Monday 19 Apr 2021 - All resume (Good Friday falls within Spring break)
- Friday 30 Apr 2021 - Staff in service day
- Monday 3 May 2021 - May Day holiday, school closed
- Wednesday 23 Jun 2021 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

Casual holidays

Each [learning community](#) allocates 2 casual holidays for pupils and staff which are usually aligned to their local festivals.

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- Monday 19 Oct 2020
- Wednesday 17 Feb 2021



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