

Craigmarloch School

Newsletter for Parents and Carers

3 December 2015.

Dear Parents Carers

Christmas Activities

We're entering the festive season with a bang and have planned a very full programme of activities. We started off with our **Christmas Shopping Night** and raised £743.56 for School Funds. An enormous thank you to Donna Elder and the other members of the Parent Council who organised this event.

Monday 7 December

S6 to Variety Club Christmas Party
Primary Concert Dress Rehearsal



Tuesday 8 December

Hanging Baubles on the Christmas Tree.
P6/7 and Secondary Pupils to 'Snow White' at the Kings Theatre. Pupils should wear their school uniform.

Wednesday 9 December

A Christmas Alphabet – 1.15 PM. Come along early to see our stalls!

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Friday 11 December

P1-5 to RSNO concert and to see the Christmas Lights in George Square.

Monday 14 December

Port Glasgow High School Band.

Tuesday 15 December

Christmas Assembly at 10.30. Please come along at 9.45 to have a cup of tea/coffee and a mince pie.

Wednesday 16 December

Christmas Disco for Secondary Pupils.

Thursday 17 December

Christmas Party for Primary Pupils – we've invited Santa and hope he manages to come along!

Friday 18 December

Christmas Lunch
Christmas Jumper Day! All donations will be sent to Save the Children. Suggestion £1.



School Closes at 2.30PM.

Staffing

We appointed a new Music Teacher yesterday. We expect that Mr Paul Wistuba will take up his post early in the New Term.

Achievements

18 past and present pupils of Craigmarloch School were presented with D of E Bronze awards at a ceremony in Greenock Town Hall on Wednesday 25 November. This is part of our S5 curriculum in partnership with the community Learning and Development Team (CLD).

Sports News

Our swimmers returned from the National Competition at Tollcross Pool having successfully competed in a way that made us very proud. It was a great effort from everyone and we were rewarded with a good few jingling medals. Well done!

Some of our footballers are trying for the Great Britain Squad which will compete at the Special Olympics in Sheffield in 2017. Good Luck!

Café Connect

The last day of Café Connect this term is Friday 11 December. The café will re-open on Friday 15th of January.

School Fund

At the recent AGM of the Parent Council we agreed that if we want to support regular outing costs, the 4 residential experiences we are planning for our pupils as well as all of the other 'extras' like Christmas activities, then we need to have a more regular income.

We decided we should do the same as most other schools in Inverclyde and ask that every pupil contribute 50p per week to our school fund.

This can be done by sending 50p on a Monday; £5 for the term; or £20 for a year. (£10 for the remainder of this year).

If you would like to do this electronically the School fund Sort Code is 80-22-60 and the Account Number is 11800463.

We would like this to start after our return to school in January. We also have some more fundraising activities planned – more details to follow.

Parent Council News

The next meeting of the Parent Council is on Thursday 21 January at 6.30. All Welcome.

Christmas Haircuts

The Hairdresser will be in school on Monday 14 December. £5 for pupils who find it difficult to go to a Hairdresser in the community.

Christmas Card Competition.

Congratulations to Blake Towers (Primary Winner); Liam McLuskey (Primary Runner Up); Caitlin Docherty (Secondary Winner) and Chris Donnelly (Secondary Runner Up) who received the highest votes in our Christmas Card Competition. The Headteacher's pick was designed by Lyall McIntosh P5/6. An order form for cards is attached.

Prizes will be awarded at the end of term Assembly.

Adverse Weather

It's that time of year again when we begin to think about poor weather conditions and the impact on travel.

You should be aware that:-

- The risk assessment/decision about whether or not it is safe to collect your child is made by the bus driver/contractor.
- If the bus cannot collect your child and you decide to bring them to school, you must be available to collect her/him at the end of the school day or earlier if necessary.



I hope you will be able to join us at our End of Term assembly or at the Primary Christmas Concert,

Best Wishes

Eileen Stewart
Head Teacher

