

STRATHMORE PRIMARY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Farewell

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter Miss Wells will be moving on to a new post as Head Teacher in Aberdeenshire. Her last day at Strathmore is this Wednesday 26th November. We wish her well on her new adventure!

Water Bottles in Class

As you are aware it is well researched that good hydration helps children to focus and concentrate on their work. Therefore, as previously in Strathmore we are happy for our pupils to have access to water throughout the day. In school we have access to water fountains and some parents choose for their child to bring in a bottle of water from home. Please support us with this initiative by only providing your child with water for drinking during class time – no fizzy drinks, flavoured water, fruit juice or flavoured squash should be consumed within the classroom. At playtime we are more than happy for the children to have a drink of their choice but again there should be no fizzy drinks consumed at playtime or lunchtime.

Nativity Play

As you are aware our P1 will be performing our nativity play on Tuesday 9th December in the afternoon then again in the evening on Wednesday 10th December. I realise in the very initial newsletter that I had detailed that P1 and P2 pupils would be involved, as mentioned in that initial newsletter *'the information is accurate at this point in time but may change'*.

It has been brought to my attention that some parents are disappointed that the P2 classes are not taking part in the Nativity this year. It was a difficult decision to make, however when planning school events it is not always based on what has happened traditionally in school. I endeavour to carefully consider the current situation and needs of the present pupils, this meaning that changes will occur. I thank you for your support with this and any forthcoming events that may not follow the same path as in previous years.

Children in Need

The children had a very successful Children in Need Day where a total of £225.45 was raised from the Teddy raffle and the silver donation. Thank you for supporting us with this fundraising event.

Tempest Photographs

The Parent Council consulted with yourselves to find out your preferred option for the yearly photograph. Following your feedback I have contacted Tempest photographs and family or individual photographs will be taken on December 3rd 2014. The family photographs can only be with those in Pre-school to P7, unfortunately I am unable to agree to other siblings being included as this would be too time consuming.

It was also agreed that a traditional P1 and P7 whole stage photograph would to be taken.

In-set Days & Holidays

Please note the following school closures:

- the school will be **closed to pupils on Thursday 27th November and Friday 28th November for staff training.**

- the school will be **closed to all staff and pupils on Monday 1st December for St Andrew's Day.**

Please also remember the change in the timing for the end of term as the school will close for all staff and pupils at **3pm on Tuesday the 23rd December** for the Christmas break.

Christmas Lunch

Strathmore's Christmas Lunch will be served on Thursday 18th December – with an early lunch of 12.00 noon.

Christmas Service

Our Christmas service will take place on Monday 22nd at 2.30pm in the school gym hall led by Barbara Ann. You are all very welcome to come and join us at this gathering.

Christmas Parties

Our Pre-school will be having their Christmas party and visit from Santa on Monday 22nd of December at both session.

P1 and P2 classes will have their Christmas party on the morning of Thursday 18th December followed by an afternoon of Christmas activities.

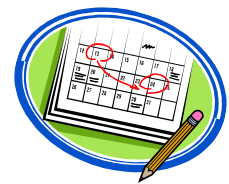
The P3, P3/4, P4 and P4/5 classes will have their Christmas Party on the afternoon of Thursday 18th December with a morning of Christmas activities.

The P5, P6, P6/7 & P7 classes will have their Christmas Party on the morning of Tuesday 23rd December.

What's on in Strathmore this term?

Listed below are some of the events that will be taking place over this term.

Please note that these dates are accurate at this point in time but may change. Additional letters will be distributed to give more information about an event if required. Please also keep up to date with the events through future newsletters.



Date	Time	Event/Activity
Thursday 27 th	All day	School closed for pupils – In-set day 3
Friday 28 th	All day	School closed for pupils – In-set day 4
December 2014		
Monday 1 st	All day	St Andrew's Holiday
Wednesday 3 rd	All day	Individual & Family photographs P1 and P7 whole stage photograph
Thursday 6 th	11.30 – 1.30pm	Group of P7 pupils to Heavenly Bites cafe
Saturday 6 th		Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 9 th	2pm	P1 Nativity Performance
Wednesday 10 th	6.30pm	P1 Nativity Performance
Thursday 18 th	12.00 noon	Christmas Lunch
Friday 19 th	10.15am & 2pm	Pre-school Nativity & Christmas Sing along
	Assembly	Silver Good to Green Award
Monday 22 nd	am & pm	Pre-school Party & Santa Visit
	2.30pm	Church Service
Tuesday 23 rd	3pm	End of Term 2
January 2015		
Wednesday 7 th Jan.	9am	Start of Term 3

I look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming events. Many thanks for your continued support.

***Kind regards,
Jennifer Scott
Head Teacher***