

STRATHMORE PRIMARY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Good luck Mrs McLean!

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter Mrs McLean, who is currently teaching P2a, will be moving onto a new role within the Early Years Team based at Angus House in Forfar. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well in her new post which will start after the Christmas holidays.

Welcome Mrs Dowie!

Mrs Kirsty Dowie will be joining us as the teacher for P2a. She has already visited the school to meet the staff and will be in school on the afternoon of Thursday 18th December to meet the the children in P2a. Please pop along to the Strathie cafe after the holidays on a Tuesday morning to say hello to Mrs Dowie.

Nativity Play

Our P1's did a fantastic job of making everyone in school and those who came to see the Nativity play feel ready for Christmas. We were all very proud of our budding stars! A huge thank you to the boys and girls and all the staff for their hard work!

Wear something Christmassy!

On Tuesday 16th December the children will be having a visit from someone special who has been watching if they have been 'naughty or nice'! On this day, we are inviting the children to wear a Christmas jumper, t-shirt or anything Christmassy. There will not be a collection made this is just for fun!

Christmas Fayre

The Parent Council yet again organise a wonderful Christmas Fayre and it was lovely to see so many families attending this event. When we are aware of the final total we will let you know. Thank you to all who turned up to help out and support this very successful event.

Christmas Lunch

Strathmore's Christmas Lunch will be served on Thursday 18th December – the lunch arrangements for home lunches will be as normal 12.20 – 1.30pm for P1 and P2 pupils or 12.30pm – 1.30pm for P3 to P7 pupils. We will start serving the Christmas lunch in school at 12noon to ensure that everyone has the time to enjoy their Christmas Lunch.

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.

Please help!

Our school office is a very busy place, especially at the start and end of the day with Mrs Mazella being the only member of staff in the office throughout the day. Your help with the following matters would be greatly appreciated:

- when your child is absent from school please ensure you contact the school before 9 o'clock to inform the school of your child's absence. When your child returns to school please provided a letter detailing why they were absent.
- Please encourage and support your child to arrive at school in plenty of time to register for lunch and line up with their class – they should not be arriving through the front entrance of the school unless this arrangement has been made with me or a member of the senior management team.
- Lunchtime arrangements – on return to school at lunchtime children should enter the playground through the gate at the side or back of the school playgrounds as the side playground is now supervised by an adult.
- Please also ensure sure that your child knows the arrangements for the end of the day (i.e. who is collecting them and where) because it can be very difficult to ensure that these last minute telephone messages after 3pm can be passed onto to pupils as there is only Mrs Mazella in the school office in the afternoon.

Thank you for your support with these matters.

End of Term

Please 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 this includes the children in the Pre-school too.

What's on in Strathmore ?

Date	Time	Event/Activity
Tuesday 16 th	All day	Wear something Christmassy! Special visitor, Ho Ho Ho!
Thursday 18 th	morning	P1s & P2s Christmas party
	afternoon	P3, P3/4, P4 & P4/5 Christmas Party
	Normal timings	Christmas Lunch
Friday 19 th	10.15am & 2pm	Pre-school Nativity & Christmas Sing along
Monday 22 nd	am & pm	Pre-school Party & Santa Visit
	2.30pm	Church Service in Gym Hall
Tuesday 23 rd	Morning	P5, P6, P6/7 & P7 Christmas Party
	3pm	End of Term 2
January 2015		
Wednesday 7 th Jan.	9am	Start of Term 3

Merry  *Christmas*

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas and all the very best for
2015 from everyone in Strathmore!*

*Kind regards,
Jennifer Scott
Head Teacher*