



Greenhills Primary School

December 2023



Dear Parent/Carer



We have had lovely crisp, cold, days with blue sky and sunshine this last week and with this change in the weather it really is time for our celebrations to begin. Please check out the diary dates below and on the school website. We will share with you our round up of the year before Christmas, until then we look forward to a month of fun filled Christmas adventures.

Christmas Fair

I am so looking forward to our Parent Council Christmas Fair on Thursday, 7th December between 4.30pm and 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome! We have great stalls, raffles, Kidzone and Santa of course. It will be a fun event for all the family. If anyone has winter jumpers they no longer require, please hand them into the school and we can sell them at the Christmas Fayre.

Winter Clothing

We have several children who are coming to school without winter clothing, and ask if you would ensure that all children have hats, gloves, winter jackets, etc. Children need to get outside to run around and play, so unless inclement weather, children will be outside for both break and playtime. As you may or may not know I love to **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** and on that note, we have some winter jackets in the school that we can happily lend or give to anyone who needs one.

Clubs

Our current after school clubs will finish at lunchtime on Thursday, 7th December 2023 and start back week beginning 8th January 2024 except for the Sound and Light Club. Thank you to all the staff who have run clubs and to all the children attending.

Homework.

The last day for homework to be completed will be Friday, 8th December 2023. Homework will begin again on Monday, 8th January 2024.

Right of the Month

In December, the children will be learning about Article 19: I have the right to be protected from being hurt or badly treated. Please remind your child that if they have any concerns they can speak with an adult in school or myself, Mrs Johnston, Child Protection Officer.

A - Z of Attachment

As you know we are sharing our A-Z of attachment with families on a weekly basis and hope you are finding the time to read them. Christmas, whilst a joyful time, can also be a stressful time for families. Please ensure you take the time to read these or simply take some time out for peace and relaxation to centre yourself before dealing with the stresses and strains of family life.

Cop 28

Cop 28 will be held in Dubai between 28th November – 12th December 2023. The themes this year are as follows:

1st & 2nd December - World Climate Action Summit, 3rd December - Health/Relief, Recover and Peace and 4th December Finance/Trade/Gender Equality/Accountability

Our children will be learning about several aspects of sustainability. We are continuing to follow our mantra of **Reduce, Reuse Recycle** in school. We look forward to reporting back to



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you about the learning which has taken place. In the meantime, your child will be able to share what they are learning in school.

Enrolment School

If your child is due to start school in August 2024, you can enrol online from Monday 8 January 2024. Your catchment school will contact you between Monday 15 to Friday 19 January 2024 to confirm your enrolment.

To register your child for school you should complete our online registration form. You must identify the catchment school for your permanent home address by using the [school catchment checker](#). This will give you information on both primary and secondary schools. The link to the online form will be given when you select your catchment school. It is only the parent the child ordinarily stays with who is authorised to register them. This includes the guardian or any person who is liable to maintain or has parental responsibilities. For more information see the Children (Scotland) Act 1995). If you have any difficulty in identifying your catchment school, please email us edsuppserv.helpline@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Footballs

We ask that children do not bring in balls to school. Currently we have too many balls and it can be dangerous. Rest assured each class have a ball to play with in the playground.

Nativity

Please note the change to nativity dates. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. Invitations should be with you week beginning Monday, 4th December 2025.

Outward bound Consultation for session 2024-2025

This session we were asked by a parent to seek the views of parent/carers around the time of year children attended their outward bound. Should you require to see the information do not hesitate to contact the school office. Our outward-bound trips have been booked for session 2024/2025 as follows:

- Inverclyde proposed April 2025 (dates to be confirmed)
- Lockerbie Manor 15-17 January 2025

We will continue to seek views of parent/carers moving forward.

Collecting children from school

If your child is being collected by someone the school does not know, please will you contact the school to advise us, otherwise it results in phone calls being made at a busy time in the day and delay in your child going home.

We wish all our families and partners a wonderful Christmas and health and happiness in 2024.

Warmest Regards

Elaine Johnston
Head Teacher



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Diary Dates – December 2023

- 5th Singing at Care home - School Choir 1.15pm, return 2.45pm. 1.30pm - Nursery singing at St Andrews Court.
- 7th Christmas Fair 4.30pm - 6.30pm
- 8th School Clubs finish restart week beginning 8th January 2024
- 12th NHS in school Room 11 (Flu)
- 13th Christmas Lunch Nursery and School. Pupils can wear Christmas jumpers or tinsel can be worn. Please do not go out and purchase a jumper.
- 14th Nursery Nativity Dress Rehearsal (10am.) Room 14 & 5 party 11 am. Room 16 party pm Singing at Morrisons - Choir (Mrs Hampson)
- 15th Room 21 & 23 party am Nursery Nativity 1.45pm
- 18th Rm 11, 12 & 13 Nativity Dress rehearsal. 9.45am
- 19th Room 11, 12 & 13 Nativity 1.30pm
- 20th Kids Kitchen with Robert –rearranged dates Rm 21 (9.15am) & Room 23 (11am). Room 15 & 20 party 9.15am. Snow White Pantomime 1.20pm
- 21st Room 22 & 18 party 9.15am. Nursery Party pm
- 22nd Rm 3 and 4 at 9am and Room 11, 12 & 13 party 11am (parents invited). 1.30pm Rm 17 party in Rm 1 and snack in kitchen area (parents invited) All free SSA to remove decorations prior to closing - 2.15pm finish ASN. 2.30 finish mainstream.

