

LASSWADE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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December 2011

PARENT COUNCIL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Fair and made the evening such a success. There was a wide variety of gifts and crafts made by the children and we appreciate your support in coming along to buy these.

The Parent Council worked extremely hard and everything went smoothly. The final total looks to be over £1300!

A big thank you to Mr Peat who once again was a special visitor and well done to Jamie Cairns who won the rabbit, Muir Simpson who won the Snowman and Matthew Buchanan and Ross Peden who won the cakes! Thank you to Mrs Stevenson's mother in law for making and donating the cakes.

PARKING

Thanks to everyone with their support for our gate closing during the times children arrive and depart from school. We will continue with this until Christmas and then evaluate and decide whether we will continue in the new year.

STAFFING UPDATE

This has been a busy month for appointing new staff.

Congratulations to Miss Diane O'Malley who is our new job share Childcare and Development worker in nursery.

Congratulations to Mr Chris Rae who is now our permanent Principal Teacher.

Congratulations to Mrs Victoria Ferguson who is our new Office Support assistant.

A very big thank you to Mrs Lisa Watt who has given up her own time to help us out in the office in recent weeks.

COMMUNITY MONTH

Each class has identified an aspect of their community that they would like to develop and work will be ongoing this month.

Nursery have been following up observations of children's play. They are hoping to arrange a visit to the sorting office soon and the children have been writing lots of letters to Santa.

P1 are also linking with the Post Office and have visited to hear about the work of the postmen, especially at this busy time!

P2 are linking with Arthritis Concern and will hold a bring and buy sale next week.

P3 have made links with Bonnyrigg Parish Church and have organised a visit to Church and to the Pitcairn centre to entertain!

P4 are hoping to link with Bonnyrigg Senior Forum. They are holding a Tinsel Tea to entertain the Senior Forum on 20 December. They are also hoping for a visit from Santa!

P5 are linking with Bonnyrigg Library and have visits planned for next week. This is a great resource in our local area and we have been surprised at how many children have never visited the library.

P6 and P7/6 will work together to create a Rough Guide to Bonnyrigg focusing on the local amenities. They will make use of ICT and create exciting information which will be shared through the use of QR readers - find out more at our Community Showcase!

P7 are hoping to link with Bonnyrigg's twin town. They are also having a visit this week from a member of the community who is going to share her war time experiences with them.

COMMUNITY MARKET PLACE

This will now take place on Thursday 12 January. We will have children's work from this term on display and many representatives from our community to talk about what they have on offer. We will provide entertainment and refreshments - so keep this date free and come along! More details to follow!

CHRISTMAS UPDATE REMINDER

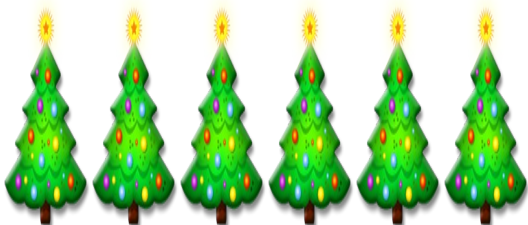
Theatre - We are looking forward to our Christmas theatre visit on 16 December. All children will be given a fun size snack at the theatre and a small drink can be taken - no fizzy juice, glass bottles or cans. On the return to school on the Friday all children will be dismissed from their classes - not from the buses - to ensure everyone is accounted for.

CHURCH VISIT

Weather permitting we will have our Christmas service in Bonnyrigg Parish Church at 10.30am on Wednesday 21 December. We will be walking up to Church and would appreciate any parents without younger children, who can help us. Please see class teachers if you are able to help. We will return to school by lunchtime. Parents are very welcome to join us at Church. A collection will be made for the Children's Hospice.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Staff have made up two hamper boxes for Christmas. These will be raffled for Children 1st at the end of term. Tickets will be on sale from 5 Dec at 20p each or £1 per strip. Tickets will be on sale daily. We appreciate your support in helping others at Christmas.



UPDATE!

Lyceum drama workshops for P3 and P4 on 12 December.

P1 nativity for school and invited guests on 15 December.

P1 nativity for parents on 16 December

P3-7 Theatre visit 16 December

Whole school to Church on 21 December

Christmas sing-a-long 23 December

School closes for the holidays at 12 pm on 23 December



CHRISTMAS UPDATE PARTY DATES

We have changed the date of the P7 party due to the bad weather and school closure last week. Our P7 party will now be held on the 15 December 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

P4X PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

Again due to bad weather and the school closure last week we have re-arranged these once again. The consultations will now be held on **THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER** from 4pm. Times have been allocated - please phone the office to confirm.

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Our next meeting is Monday 16th January at 7pm - new members are always welcome. There will be a pre-meeting at 6pm for anyone interested in becoming involved in evaluation of school/home communication and a working with parents presentation.