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Dear Parents,

As you will have heard we are not able to celebrate Christmas in quite the usual way in school. While we will miss your presence for Christmas events the whole staff are working hard to make it a magical time in school for the children. We will continue to have a Nativity and Christmas musical performances but these will be filmed and sent out to you in much the same way as last year. I have attached a calendar to this newsletter where you can see some of the main activities we have planned for the children throughout December – please look out on SeeSaw for any more information or updates with specific event details from your class teachers.

Ardroy Visits

We were very lucky to be offered the opportunity to have some full-day visits to Ardroy Outdoor Centre starting next week. Children will have the opportunity to participate in activities including Canoeing, Archery and Climbing delivered by fully qualified instructors. The children will be collected from the school by minibus at 9am and will return to school for home time as usual.

Warm, waterproof clothing should be worn and a change of clothing is advisable. Please also bring packed lunches on both days.

P7 days are **Tuesday 30th Nov and Wednesday 1st December**

P5/6 days are **Thursday 2nd December and Friday 3rd December**

P3/4 have one day **Friday 10th December** for climbing, archery and labyrinth only.

Puppet Show

We have booked the 'Mousetales' glow in the dark puppet show for the whole school on **Friday 17th December** as a Christmas treat for the children. Thank you to the PTA for covering the cost of this performance – I'm sure all the children will love it.

Santa

We have heard that Santa will be passing through the area and wants to come and visit all the boys and girls at Arrochar Primary on **Monday 20th December** outdoors – how exciting!

Christmas Parties

P5/6/7 are organising Christmas parties for all the classes across the school and ELC. As this is part of their Enterprise topic they would like a £1 donation from each pupil towards their organising costs. Children should come to school dressed in their party clothes on **Tuesday 21st December**.

Christmas Raffle

This year we are having the staff hamper raffle which is £1 per strip of tickets. The main prize for the raffle will be the staff food hamper but we also have another prize of a Christmas bundle kindly donated by Morrison's.

Raffle tickets are now on sale at the school office for £1 per strip – children can bring money to the office to purchase these.

Christmas Enterprise Week

Primary 5, 6 and 7 are working hard to plan a mini children's Christmas fair in the hall as part of their Enterprise topic. The children are working in two teams and have planned lots of stalls and activities that children will be able to access on the week beginning **Monday 13th December**. This will include personalised Christmas gifts, Christmas games, raffles and lucky dips. The children will provide you with more information on this nearer the time.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be served for all pupils on **Wednesday 15th December**.

Christmas Jumper Day

On **Monday 13th December** children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or something festive if they wish. Please bring a £1 donation for the school fund.

World Wildlife Fundraiser

Primary 3/4 have been learning about endangered species as part of their topic this term. They are organising a fundraiser for their chosen charity – WWF – on **Tuesday 14th December**. They are asking children across the school to bring £1 or a small donation on the day and they can dress up as an endangered species if they wish.

School PE/Outdoor clothing

As we continue to have PE outdoors and with additional outdoor learning days we would like children to wear a PE uniform to keep everyone looking smart on their days outdoors. Children should wear the following when they have a PE day or outdoor learning day (they may also have their normal outer layers/waterproofs on).

Plain navy blue hoodie or jumper (or school branded)

Plain navy blue joggers or leggings

Plain navy blue or white t-shirt underneath (or school branded)

We are getting school branded hoodies embroidered and they will shortly be available to buy direct from <https://www.schoolwewearmadeeasy.com/> if you wish to purchase one of these to wear on PE/outdoor learning days.

We would like to aim for children to have these items for the start of the new term but understand it is an expensive time of year – please contact the school if you have difficulty in providing any of these items.

It would be helpful if children can always have a spare pair of socks in their bag at this time of year as their feet can get wet playing outdoors.

Parking

Please do not park directly outside the school gate – our parent parking area is at the pier carpark then walk along. Parking outside the school gate puts children at risk especially being so near the ELC entrance.

Holidays/School closure days

Reminder: **Monday 29th November In-Service day**. The school will be closed on **Thursday 16th December** for Polling Day and we will close for the Christmas break at **2.30pm on Wednesday 22nd December** (pupils return on Thursday 6th January 2022). For the Polling Day on the 16th class teachers will be in touch regarding any home learning activities for the day but we understand many of you may have other plans for this day.

Kind Regards



Marianne Docherty, Head Teacher



Arrochar Primary School Christmas Calendar 2021

Date	Class/classes involved	Activity
Tuesday 30 th November	P7	Ardroy Outdoor Centre
Wednesday 1 st December	P7	Ardroy Outdoor Centre
Thursday 2 nd December	P5/6	Ardroy Outdoor Centre
Friday 3 rd December	P5/6	Ardroy Outdoor Centre
Friday 10 th December	P3/4	Ardroy Outdoor Centre
Week beginning Mon 13 th - 17 th December	Whole school – P5-7 organising	Christmas enterprise selling/ raffle
Monday 13 th December	Whole school	Christmas jumper day + £1 donation for school fund
Tuesday 14 th December	Whole school – P3/4 organising	WWF fundraiser + optional dress up as endangered species
Wednesday 15 th December	Whole school	Christmas lunch
Thursday 16 th December	Whole school	CLOSED – POLLING DAY
Friday 17 th December	Whole school	Mousetales Puppet show
Monday 20 th December	Whole school	SANTA
Tuesday 21 st December	Whole school but in separate classes	Christmas Parties
Wednesday 22 nd December	Whole school	Stop for Christmas at 2.30pm