



Aitkenbar Primary School

November – December 2019



Welcome to our Term 2 Newsletter. *There is a very busy term at Aitkenbar. At the end of this newsletter you will find a list of dates – please keep it in a safe place or add the dates to your diary. As always, updates and reminders will follow as required.*

The **School Website** is well used and provides parents with official and accurate information. **Please check your child's class page in the 'Class by Class' section.** These pages are updated regularly by the class teachers and any confusion over homework can be cleared up by looking here. <http://www.scottishschools.info/aitkenbar/> Many photographs are taken in school and posted on the website. Please inform Mrs Hutchison in writing if you do not wish your child's photograph to appear on the website or local press

Parent Council News...



- The **HALLOWE'EN DISCO** was a great success and enjoyed by all. THANK YOU to the Parent Council for organising this treat for the children.

- The Parent Council are currently organising the **Christmas Fayre** which will take place on **Saturday, November 30th 10:00 – 12:00.** We are once again asking the children to fill a jar. The jar can be any size and filled with a variety of items – sweets, crayons, small toys, marbles etc. Lucky dip tickets to win a jar at the Fayre cost £1.
- All children benefit from the money raised by the Parent Council and we appeal to all families to contribute to the success of the Christmas Fayre. We are asking for donations for the following stalls:

- ❖ **RAFFLE / TOMBOLA PRIZES**
- ❖ **BOTTLE STALL** (anything that comes in a bottle: water, perfume, sauce etc)
- ❖ **HOMEBAKING** (nearer the day of the Fayre)



Christmas Fayre



Please hand donations in to the School Office

If you are able to offer some help at the Fayre, please return the slip attached to the recently issued parent council letter or at the end of this newsletter. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.



Charity Talent Show...

Our annual Talent Show will take place in the Main Hall on Friday, November 15th at 1:10pm. This is a non-uniform day and children are asked to wear something yellow or a Children in Need T-shirt and bring a donation of £1. A great afternoon's entertainment is guaranteed! All parents are welcome to attend: entry fee is £2:00 with proceeds going to charity. Tickets are on sale at the school office. Please do not buy something special for this. We have outfits that children may borrow.

Other News...

- **PRIMARY 4** recently sang at the Upstream Battle event in Clydebank Town Hall. This was a conference for children from all WDC schools to discuss the problem of plastic pollution.
- Our **60th Anniversary Decades Concert** was a great success - thank you for coming along to support this event. Photos of both events can be seen on the website (presentation week beginning Nov 11)
- Our **Roots of Empathy** baby this session is **Darcy**. She visits Primary 3 throughout the session. :
- Our recent **Parents' Meetings** were very well attended with almost 95% of parents coming along. A homework survey was issued and the outcome of this will be issued soon
- Primary 3 and Primary 5 enjoy weekly lessons with Jessica from **Y-Dance** who is delivering the Shake It Up project aimed at raising attainment in academic subjects. More details can be found by visiting this link <https://ydance.org/education/shake-it-up/overview/>
- We continue our successful partnership with Crosslet House Care Home. This involves groups of children in P4 - 7 visiting the Care Home to cook and eat lunch with the elderly day care users and our P1 - 3 children host regular Art and Craft sessions in the school. (See left. More photos on the website)
- **THANK YOU** for all your generous donations to our **Harvest Gift Service**. The gifts were distributed to local senior citizens and we have received several cards to say thank you.
- There are lots of after-school clubs running for various age-groups - see weekly presentations on the website for details.



A few reminders...

- **Breakfast Club** begins at 8:15 - Gates open at 08:10. If your child does not attend breakfast club, please be aware that there is no playground supervision until 8:50
- At Aitkenbar, we are happy to have **parents in the playgrounds** before 9:00am and at 3:00pm. However, at 3:00pm we would appreciate it if you wait around the edges of the playground so that staff may have a clear view of the children as they leave the building. . Please reinforce our message with the younger children that they must wait with their teacher until they see the adult who is collecting them. Any children (P1-3) who are not collected are kept in school with us until someone comes for them them.
- **Please do not give your child anything containing nuts.**
- PLEASE make sure ALL your child's belongings are clearly marked with their name. **Ask at the office about lost property as it will not be kept indefinitely**
- All children should have a PE kit at school
 - West Dunbartonshire Policy states that **dogs should not be brought into the playground**
 - **Rag Bag**: We have a textile recycling bin in the school which is emptied regularly. Bags may be handed in at the school office
 - Finally - our usual reminder to keep checking your child's head for lice. If you need advice on treatment, please ask at the school office.



**REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS!

Nov 13	Morning Dodgeball Club starts 8:15 - 9:00	
Nov 15	Talent Show 1:10pm	
Nov 18	P4-7 group to Crosslet House 11:00am - 1:00pm	
Nov 19	Hopscotch Theatre Group will perform Mother McGoose Pantomime to both schools (no charge for families)	
Nov 20	P1 and P7 dental inspection	
Nov 21	Gardening Club Trip to Botanic Gardens / P4-7 group to Crosslet House	
Nov 27	New Primary 1s (Aug 2020) transition visit to Primary 1	
Nov 29	Set up for Christmas Fayre 3:00pm →	
Nov 30	Parent Council Christmas Fayre 10:00 - 12:00	
Dec 3	Roots of Empathy baby visit to P3	
Dec 4	Y-Dance final visit of this term (Primary 3 and 5) / P7 Christmas Cracker event	
Dec 5	Crosslet House group to Aitkenbar (Art & Craft) / final after school Fun Games club for P2 and 3 / Netball Match - Aitkenbar v St Michaels (OLSP Games Hall 3:30 - 4:30)	
Dec 6	Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation)	
Dec 9	Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Concert am	
Dec 10	Christmas Concert 1:10 - 3:00pm Assembly Hall	
Dec 12	GENERAL ELECTION - School closed to pupils	
Dec 15	Choir to St Andrew's Christmas Service	
Dec 16	Whole school PARTY DAY! Details to follow	
Dec 19	Primary 7 Evening Christmas Dance	
Dec 20	Whole School carol singing service in St Andrew's Church 9:30 Please some along and join us / School closes for Christmas Holidays 2:30pm	

There are still some dates to be arranged - updates and reminders will be sent home and posted on the school website as required.

Yours faithfully
Christine Hutchison (Head Teacher)

Reminder below - thanks to all who have already offered help



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

AITKENBAR CHRISTMAS FAYRE - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30TH 2019

I can help set up on **Friday Nov 29** from 3:00 →

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I can help at the Fayre on **Saturday Nov 30** from: 10:00 - 11:00

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11:00 - 12:00

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email address: _____