

Parent Information Sheet
Friday 22nd November 2019

Points for READY TO LEARN, SAFE AND RESPECTFUL for this week are...

Eagles - 508 points Hawks - 492 points Owls - 503 points **Falcons - 536 points**

Election - Thursday 12th December

You are probably aware that an election has been called on Thursday 12th December.

This will mean that school will be closed on that day.

It also means that we have had to move the dates for our KS2 Christmas performance of Peace Child.

*The performances will now take place on **Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December**. (Previously the 11th & 12th)*

Assembly

This week Noreen and Patrick from Action MS returned to school to say thank you to the children and whole school community for the money they raised to support their charity. Our sponsored walk in October raised an amazing £5,070! For a school our size that's a terrific amount. Noreen and Patrick had certificates for every child who raised money. There were five children who raised over £100 each and they have been invited along with a teacher to represent Glencraig at a thank you lunch in the new term. Well done everyone!!



Disco Tickets

The PTA will be selling tickets for the Christmas Disco in the morning on Friday 29th Nov & Monday 2nd Dec. Tickets for the Christmas Disco which is on December 4th are £3.00 each. To facilitate 3 separate discos we would greatly appreciate help at each disco. If you are available to cover a 1 hour slot to help with tuck shop, supervising, tattoos or nail painting, please let one of the PTAmembers know.

Concert - "Peace Child"

An order form for tickets for the KS2 Christmas Concert on Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December will be going home next week. Initially tickets are limited to 2 per family to ensure that everyone gets a chance to come along. Any remaining tickets will go on sale on a first come first served basis from Monday 2nd December. Tickets cost £3.00 per person. The shows will last approximately an hour and will start at 9.30am.



We would ask that if at all possible you do not bring preschool children to the shows on Tuesday & Wednesday these performances are for adults. The pre-school children from some of the local Playgroups along with all the children from P1 to P4 will be attending their own performance on the Friday & Monday before. Having babies and toddlers in the audience can be very distracting for both the children performing and indeed their parents and other audience members.

P1 & Nursery Admissions - ONLINE DIGITAL ADMISSIONS

If you are a parent of a child due to start Nursery or P1 in September 2020 then it is important that you know that the application is now a **Digital Admissions** process. The Education Authority introduced this last year and whilst there were a few teething problems the service actually ran smoothly considering the number of children and parents involved. We would anticipate that the system will be even more efficient this year. The online application process for both the Nursery and Primary 1 places will open at **12 noon on Tuesday 7th January and close at 12 noon on 30th January 2020**. There will be a further week (up to 12 noon on 7th February) for any additional verification documents to be presented to your first preference school. Documents relating to second/third preferences etc. must be submitted only to the first preference school.

Open Mornings

We will be holding two **Open Mornings on Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th January at 11.00am for parents interested in applying to our P1** when I will be able to talk you through the process in more detail. As our Nursery does not open until September 2020 we aren't in a position to run an Open Morning specifically for potential Nursery parents this year. However if you or someone you know is hoping to apply to our new Nursery I would encourage you or them to come along to our P1 Open Mornings.

There is also an Admissions HUB on the Education Authority website that I would highly recommend you visit. (www.eani.org.uk)

Dates for Choir

Our choir is getting ready for a number of singing engagements this Christmas....

Tuesday 3rd December the P5 class will be singing at a Christmas Lunch in Holy Trinity



Thursday 5th December the P5
Care Home

choir will be singing at Hollywood

Monday 16th December the P6 and 7 choir will be singing in Grant House at Ards Hospital

We will need to rely on the support of P5-7 choir parents to transport children on the 5th and 16th December so if you would be able to offer lifts on those days please contact Mrs Millar.

Nearly New Uniform Shop

Mrs White will have the rails of nearly new uniform out next Friday 29th and Monday 2nd December if you are interested in stocking up on a few extra items of uniform.

Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to all of those who contributed to this year's Poppy Appeal. The school raised £143.26 for the Royal Legion and they have passed on their appreciation and thanks.

Coat Appeal

Over the last couple of years we have helped support local Syrian Refugee charities. This originally came about from the P6 topic work on refugees. This year we would like to continue that support by asking you to take a look in your wardrobes and cloakrooms at home to see if you have any coats that you no longer need. The local support charities desperately need donations of children's and adults' warm winter coats for refugee families in Northern Ireland and so if you have any winter coats, in reasonably good condition but that have been either outgrown, or are no longer needed, then please bring them in by the **29th November** and we can make sure they are donated to families in need.

'Tis nearly the season!

Dates for your diaries:

- **Christmas Disco for P1 & P2 (5.00pm – 6.00pm), P3 - P4 (6.00 - 7.00pm) and P5– P7 (7.00– 8.00pm) children on Wednesday 4th December.** Come along for a Christmas boogie! A Tuck shop will be available, so you may like to bring along a little money for that.
- The children from P5 to P7 are busy preparing for two performances of **"Peace Child"** to be staged **at 9.30am on Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th December.** Order forms for tickets will be on sale week beginning 25th November. Spares will go on general sale from Monday 2nd December. **Glencraig Parish Community Carol Service** – Monday 16th December at 7.00pm. Our choir will be performing
- **KS1 Cosy Christmas Afternoon**– why not come along and join the P1 - P4 children in the hall on **Wednesday 18th December from 1.15pm to 2.00pm.** The children are busy making Christmas art that they will have on display as well as practising some festive tunes to get you in the Christmas spirit. There may even be some audience participation so come prepared!!
- **Christmas Raffle** – There will be two Christmas hampers with lots of goodies for all to enjoy up for grabs courtesy of the PTA. Tickets will be sold at the Key Stage 2 performances on 10th & 11th December
- **Christmas Postal Service** – our P7s will be running our very own Christmas card delivery service. A post box will be set up in the foyer from 2nd December and children can post cards to their friends ensuring that the recipient's full name and class is on the front. Our P7s are great but they do struggle if the only clue they have is the first name – especially if there are a few of the same name in the school.
- **Whole School Carol Service** - This year our carol service is on Thursday 19th December to mark the end of term and the beginning of the Christmas holidays, we come together as a school (pupils & staff) to celebrate this special time of year. On that Thursday morning we all walk to and from the Parish Church. Please ensure that your child brings a warm coat . As we want to include all the pupils and staff in this seasonal event, there will be no facility for children to be supervised should you wish your child not to take part in the Carol Service. Should this apply, I would ask you not to bring your child into school until 11.00am. School will then break up for the Christmas holidays at 12.00 noon .

Remember to log on via this website and you can raise money for Glencraig IPS and shop at the same time - Fantastic !!!

Dates to put in your diary...
Tues 10th & Wed 11th Dec

9.30am KS2 Concert - Peace Child
(Change in date due to election on 12thDec)
Community Carol Service Glencraig Parish (Evening)
1.15pm Cosy Christmas for P1 - P4
SCHOOL FINISHES FOR CHRISTMAS

Mon 16th Dec
Wed 18th Dec
Thurs 19th Dec