

**Parent Information Sheet**  
Friday 29th November 2019

**Points for RESPECT, READINESS TO LEARN & SAFETY for this week are...**

Eagles - 505 points    Hawks - 475 points    Owls - 485 points    Falcons - 487 points

**Extra points for ANTI BULLYING POSTER COMPETITION are...**

Eagles - 260 points    Hawks - 330points    Owls - 190 points    Falcons - 360 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)*

**VOMITTING BUG**

As I'm sure you are all aware that a nasty Norovirus vomiting bug is particularly prevalent in the area at the minute, so much so that some larger schools have had to close. We are fortunate that we have not been hit as badly and we would ask for your support in trying to avoid such drastic measures. The main way that you can help would be NOT to send your child to school if they are unwell.

If your child has been sick **DO NOT** send them in to school **for at least 48 hours**. This is when they are most infectious. Norovirus can spread very easily. Also washing your hands frequently with soap and water is the best way to stop it spreading. Alcohol hand gels do not kill norovirus. Please remind your children at home of the importance of washing their hands well - not just a flash at the tap.

You can find more advice on the PHA website.

**Assembly**

This week it was Mrs McKirgan's turn to lead assembly and the theme was Advent. Mrs McKirgan talked to the children about this Christian festival and how it is celebrated. She also talked about Advent being a time of waiting but waiting with patience – something that can be difficult for us all at times!



*“Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting”*

*Judith Meyer*

**P5s get muddy at Camphill...**

*It was great fun. We dug out some trees that hadn't grown and planted some new ones. After we removed the dirt we put in manure and mixed it all up. The best bit was digging and getting to name the trees. William and Charles*

**P6s follow the yellow brick road...**

*“This week on Tuesday the P6s went to Strathearn school to see the pantomime the Wizard of Oz. (It was better than doing work!). There were a lot of familiar faces of girls that used to be at Glencraig. There was an orchestra there playing along with the singing. The costumes were really good and the dancing was out of this world! The Lion was the funniest character and I really liked Toto the dog. He was my favourite character. Some of the jokes we didn't really get but there was one funny one about a flying cow which made everyone laugh. Seeing the show really made me think that I would love to be on the stage as my job one day.”*

By Anna P6

**Disco Tickets**

The PTA were selling tickets for the Christmas Disco this morning and will be back on Monday 2nd Dec. Tickets for the Christmas Disco which is on December 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **Peace Child Concert**

Order forms for tickets went home this week and the tickets have sold steadily. This week tickets were limited to 2 per family to ensure that everyone gets a chance to come along. However, any **remaining tickets will go on sale on a first come first served basis from Monday 2nd December**. Tickets cost £3.00 per person.

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

The performances start at 9.30am and should last just over an hour. (An hour and a half to be on the safe side!!)  
The children in Key Stage 2 will be remaining in school after the shows on both days.

### **After School Clubs**

These have now finished for term 1 with the exception of P2/3 Miniversity which has one additional session on Monday 2nd December as the tutor arrived very late for a previous session in the term. Thank you.

### **Coat Appeal**

Thank you to all of you who donated pre-loved coats to support the Syrian Refugees in our local community. As winter takes hold these will be very much appreciated by the families receiving them.

### **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 be an Admissions HUB on the Education Authority website that I would highly recommend you visit. ([www.eani.org.uk](http://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 choir will be singing at Hollywood Care Home at 11am

Monday 16th December the P6 and 7 choir will be singing in Grant House at Ards Hospital at 10.30am

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.

### **'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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 !!!**

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

**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)

**Mon 16th Dec**

Community Carol Service Glencraig Parish (Evening)

**Wed 18th Dec**

1.15pm Cosy Christmas for P1 - P4

**Thurs 19th Dec**

SCHOOL FINISHES FOR CHRISTMAS