

Parent Information Sheet

Friday 23rd November 2018

House Points for LISTENING, RESPECT & MANNERS

Eagles 60 points Hawkes 70 points **Owls 73 points** Falcons 65 points

Well done Owls. Don't forget you can all earn lots of points for your House by simply remembering and putting in to practice good manners, listening and respect.

Mission Christmas

This year, the pupil council are organising a Christmas gift collection to help those less fortunate than ourselves as part of Cool FM's Mission Christmas campaign. A note was sent home yesterday with all the details so please check the school bags. Please note that only **new** and **unwrapped** gifts should be donated (maximum value £5). The final date for donations is **Friday 7th December** to allow the pupil council time to get them sent off for distribution by Santa!

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 3rd 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.

Assembly

On Thursday our assembly was led by Mrs McKirgan and the theme for the assembly was Inter Faith Week. This runs from Poppy Sunday through to the following Sunday. Mrs McKirgan talked about how the aims of Inter Faith Week fit very well with what we try to do here in school:-

- Strengthening good interfaith relations
- Increasing awareness of the different and distinct faiths in our communities
- Increasing understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs

By learning more about each other we come to realise how important we all are. We are all part of a single world wide race and that everyone should work together for the benefit of humankind. We each might have strong beliefs of our own, but that doesn't mean we have nothing to learn from each other. Finding common ground is a good habit to get into.

P5 Trip to Pantomime

On Wednesday we went to Bloomfield Collegiate to see their performance of 'Joseph'. The singing was amazing and we thought it was all very colourful. The girls were all very good at acting, dancing and singing. We loved the Elvis pharaoh!! He had really cool hair! Ciara and Abbie

Christmas Disco Wednesday December 5th - Tickets

The PTA will be selling tickets for the Christmas Disco after drop off on Friday 30th Nov & Monday 3rd Dec. The tickets are £3.00 each. and remember feel free to come wearing something Festive!

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 us know.

Glencraig IPS Christmas Tea Towels

Thanks for all of your orders and support. Tea towels have been sent home with your children. However, if you would like any additional tea towels, or missed out on ordering, then please collect an order form from reception. Tea towels will also be available to purchase at the Christmas plays. £6 for one, £10 for two. The finished item is available to view at the front door.

PTA Shopping Trip

There are still a small number of tickets left (Just 10) if anyone would like to join the shopping trip heading off to the Kildare Shopping Outlet next Friday. If you think that you might need some retail therapy that weekend then just get in touch with Mrs Cowan in the office or one of the PTA members .

Website updates

Over the coming months we will be making a number of changes to our website and will be updating you on these as we launch a new section of our site or simply show you some subtle changes in locations, layout or content. Please bear with us as we make improvements.

First up is our new PUPIL VOICE section of our site which aims to give you a little insight into the pupil engagement going on in school and who is involved.



Click on the link below to find out more.

<http://www.glencraigips.co.uk/teams>

‘Tis nearly the season!

Here are some events that you may wish to pop in your busy diaries:

- **Christmas Disco for P1 & P2 (5.00pm – 6.00pm), P3 - P4 (6.00 - 7.00pm) and P5– P7 (7.00– 8.00pm) on Wednesday 5th 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.**
- **Carol Singing Afternoon – why not come along and join the Key Stage 2 children in the hall on Tuesday 18th December from 2.00pm to 3.00pm for a spot of good old fashioned carol singing to get you in the festive spirit.**
- **The children from P1 to P4 are busy preparing for two performances of “Lights, Camels, Action!” to be staged at 11.00am on Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th December. Tickets will be on sale week beginning 3rd December. More details will follow.**
- **Whole School Carol Service**
This year our carol service is on Thursday 20th 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 Friday 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 the website below to do your Christmas online shopping and you can raise money for Glencraig IPS at the same time - Fantastic !!!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Dates to put in your diary...

Wednesday 5th December

Wed 12th Dec & Thur 13th Dec

Tues 18th Dec

Thurs 20th Dec

P1 – P7 Christmas Discos

KS1 Nativity “Lights, Camels, Action!”

Carol Singing in the hall.

SCHOOL FINISHES AT NOON FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

