

Parent Information Sheet

Friday 30th November 2018

House Points for LISTENING, RESPECT & MANNERS

Eagles 67 points Hawkes 80 points **Owls 81 points** Falcons 72 points

Well done Owls. You've done it again!! 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.

Assembly

On Thursday our assembly was led by our P6s whose chosen topic was Growth Mindset. The children in P6 had invited their parents along on Thursday and we were delighted that so many took the time to come along to hear what the children had to say about developing the right attitude to learning. The children certainly got their message across that it is much better to be a "try again tiger" than a "give up gorilla"! Perseverance has been the theme of a number of our assemblies in the past and trying to get our children to see that trying and failing is part of learning. In fact some of our best learning comes from failing!

You did a great job P6s well done!!

Mission Christmas

Please don't forget that, 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 last week with all the details. Please note that only **new** and **unwrapped** gifts should be donated (maximum value £5). The final date for donations is next **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 this Monday 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.

Disco

If you didn't get your tickets for the Christmas discos today don't panic the PTA will be back in the foyer on Monday morning for anyone who still wants to purchase tickets. They're priced at £3.00 each. The discos are on Wednesday evening for P1 & P2 (5.00pm – 6.00pm), P3 - P4 (6.00 - 7.00pm) and P5– P7 (7.00– 8.00pm). You may wish to send a little change as there is a tuck shop available as well as nail painting and transfer tattoos.

Concert

It's just less than two weeks to the big performances! The children in P1 – P4 have put a lot of hard work in over the last few weeks and they are really looking forward to welcoming lots of family and friends to the shows on Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th. The shows will last approximately an hour and will start at 11.00am.

If you have a child in P1 – P4 and you wish to take them home after the concerts on Wednesday 12th &/or Thursday 13th please let the class teacher know in advance so that dinner numbers can be adjusted appropriately.

Ticket order forms went home this week. Initially ticket purchases are limited to **TWO TICKETS PER FAMILY**. Please do not request more than two tickets on the form. This is to give everyone an opportunity to get to see the play. Any remaining tickets go on sale from the office on Thursday 6th December and at that stage there is no limit to ticket purchases.

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

Teachers Cluster

Our staff are always looking at different ways of developing their craft in order to improve teaching and learning. In our staff development sessions we have been looking at stretch and challenge activities, questioning, active learning strategies and broadening the children's learning by including a global dimension. This week our maths team met with a number of teachers from local primary schools to investigate "Bar Modelling". This is a versatile maths strategy that can be used across a wide range of concepts and topics. It gives pupils a powerful and adaptable strategy for solving increasingly difficult problems. This year our staff are investigating and trialling the strategy with a view to possibly developing its use across the school next year and beyond. As parents I think it is good for you to know that we are constantly looking at ways to make your child's experience at school as enjoyable and successful as possible.

P1 Admissions - IMPORTANT CHANGES!!!

If you are a parent of a child due to start P1 in September 2019 then it is important that you know that the application this year is moving to a **Digital Admissions** process. As yet the EA have not completed their preparations but I can tell you that the online application process will open on **Wednesday 2nd January and close at midnight on 31st January**. There will be a further week (up to the 8th January) for any additional verification documents to be presented to your first preference school.

We will be holding two **Open Mornings on Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th January at 11.00am** when I will be able to talk you through the process in more detail. There will also be an Admissions HUB on the Education Authority website that I would highly recommend you visit. (www.eani.org.uk)

'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