

Parent Information Sheet

Friday 14th December 2018

House Points for LISTENING, RESPECT & MANNERS

Eagles 49 points Hawkes 55 points **Owls 66 points** Falcons 53 points



Well done Falcons. You are the winners this week! 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.

This will be the last Friday note before we break up for the Christmas holidays next week and so I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all of the pupils, staff and parents for their hard work, enthusiasm and support during this very long and busy first term. I hope that you all have a lovely Christmas and enjoy spending time with friends and family during the break.

Thank you to all the children and parents who have included the staff and myself on their Christmas card list. Your greetings for the season are much appreciated!

We look forward to seeing everyone again on Thursday 3rd 2019

Christmas Concert

As Bruce Forsyth would have said... "didn't they do well?!" Hopefully all the parents of children in P1 to P4 had a chance to come along to our concerts on Wednesday and Thursday to see their little ones perform, though I know tickets were highly sought!! As always the children were spurred on by the wonderfully warm and encouraging support in the hall on both days and they performed brilliantly. I know from the response of the audience and the comments, cards and emails afterwards that the show was enjoyed by all. There were a lot of very proud mums, dads, grannies, grandads and teachers in the hall on both mornings. A big thank you to everyone for making the concert such a success.

Staffing News

It is with much pride, however with much regret, that I can inform you that our VP Mr Spillane has been successful in his application for the post of Principal of Loughview Integrated Primary School. A wonderful piece of news for Mr Spillane but not quite so good for Glencraig. This is a great opportunity for Mr Spillane and we are all delighted for him as he now looks forward to a new chapter in his career.

It is likely that Mr Spillane will not be taking up his new role until after Easter and so until then he is very much committed to Glencraig and it will be business as usual in P7!! However, the Governors will be meeting early in the New Year to ensure that this change to staffing is well managed, especially for the upper key stage two children.

Carol Singing Afternoon

Want to up to your festive spirit? Then why not come along and join the choir, orchestra and children from Key Stage 2 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 mood for Christmas.

Christmas Postal Service

Monday is the last day for Christmas card deliveries!.

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)

Advance notice - Sacraments

The date for this year's Confirmation Service is Friday 17th May at 4pm. The other dates are yet to be confirmed.

Nativity at St. Colmcille's

There will be a rehearsal this Sunday @ 3 pm for any P1-P4 who would like to participate in St. Colmcille's church nativity (taking place Sun 23rd @ 10 am mass). It is very important that your child can make all of the 3 rehearsals as there is only 1 week to prepare!!!

Rehearsals are:

Sun- 3.00pm

Tues- tbc (probably 3.30 pm)

Thurs- tbc (probably 4pm)

P7 Titanic Belfast trip

Last Friday P7 went on a trip to the titanic centre in Belfast we went on a tour around the building showing us different stages of how the Titanic was built and launched and how it affected Belfast. Afterwards we went on to the original ship the Nomadic, the boat that ferried people from the port at Cherbourg to the Titanic. We ate our lunch and then looked around. Lastly we went to the dry dock of the Titanic and saw the pump house and then went down into the dry dock we got to see where it was launched and we got to touch the real stacks that the Titanic sat on.

Overall we had an amazing experience and we found out lots of amazing information. On a final note we would definitely recommend taking the time to go to any of these places.

By Beth & Mya P7

Lost Property

There is a box full of lost property items in the school office. If you know that you are missing an item you may want to check with Mrs Cowan if it is in the box. We will also be setting any remaining items out in the hall during the last week of term for the children to try and identify their belongings before remaining items are donated to the Nearly New Uniform Shop or to local charities.

'Tis nearly the season!

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

- **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.



- **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...

Tues 18th Dec

Carol Singing in the hall.

Thurs 20th Dec

SCHOOL FINISHES AT NOON FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS