



A warm welcome back to the new term. We have a really busy, but fun term ahead, with a continuing focus on hard work and progress, particularly in Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing, alongside lots of activities surrounding Christmas. Your child's class newsletter outlining specific class plans and activities will be sent home next week.

Please have a look at the calendar on the back to update you on important events this term. There have been a few additions, including the Pantomime at Eden Court, as well as a couple of date changes. We hope these don't cause any inconvenience. Chromebooks will also be a focus this term and we will be having a parent information session soon, so please check the calendar.



After School Clubs

Unfortunately Hollie will no longer be able to support an after school dance club, as her role has changed and staff cuts have been enforced at Eden Court. We are however looking to find a replacement ASAP and will keep you informed.

In the meantime shinty, bible craft, and multi sports will continue, and start this week.

I am in the process of trying to confirm a Coding STEM club, in collaboration with the STEM ambassadors, so will keep you updated with this.

Any parents who feel they could support with any clubs would be very welcome. Iona and Matthew have been doing a fab job with shinty and Jarek has also been a huge support to the school with this. A big thanks to them.

Shinty will now be **at school from 3-4** during the winter months.

Children in Need

We will be having a special Children in Need day on Friday 16th November.

The Pupil Council have organised lots of fun activities including;

- Wear something yellow or spotty for 50p
- Designing our own T-shirts
- Making healthy smoothies and fruit kebabs
- Having a yellow tea party



Remembrance Assembly

There will be a Remembrance assembly next Friday, 9th November at 2.00 at the cathedral. All welcome!

Our House Captains will be selling poppies this week and next in school.



Tea and toast Sessions

I am delighted to say that our first Tea and Toast session will be Tuesday 13th November at 9.00am. Any parent/carer who would like to come along to meet other parents, have a blether and a wee bite for breakfast will be more than welcome. We are hoping in time this will be a chance to share some skills with each other, have little workshops etc.



Staffing

We are really sorry that this term we will be losing Mrs Cameron as our Children's Support Worker. She has been a valued member of the team and we will be sad to see her go, but wish her all the very best with her new ventures.

I am delighted that Mrs Galbraith, who has worked in the school on many occasions and is known and liked by the children will be replacing her whilst the post is advertised.

Parent Council

Then next Parent Council meeting will be held on Thursday 15th November at 4pm.

All parents/carers welcome and support greatly appreciated.



Christmas cards and mugs

In the next few weeks you will receive home a proof of your child's own Christmas card design. The form will give you the opportunity to order cards or mugs with the design in time for Christmas. This is also a fundraising enterprise for the school so please keep a look out!



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Music

I am delighted that with some of our additional Pupil Equity Funding we have a specialist music teacher starting with us at the end of November. She will work with both classes once a week and we very much hope to get a school choir up and running soon. I will keep you updated when start dates have been agreed.



Aigas Partnership Continues

For the next two years our P5-7 class will be working with Aigas Field Centre, with funding from Scottish Natural Heritage and The Aigas Trust, to support the school with environmental education. Further opportunities will also be available for the P1-4 class.

The two-year project aims to:

- Build connections between children and the natural environment.
- Develop ownership of local greenspaces before children go to secondary school.
- Improve teacher confidence in delivering outdoor learning.