

### School Motto: **Together we are the Heart of Hunter**

We have once again arrived at December, with almost half our academic year completed, we enter a very exciting and busy month.

A huge thank you to our school community for coming out and joining us on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November for our Parent Council Christmas Fayre. A fantastic amount of **£1892** was raised. I would like to extend my thanks to our Chair and Vice Chair Angela and Laura and the Parent Council body for organising such a successful event. Thanks also to the parents/carers who assisted on the day. As we say repeatedly, without your support, we would not be able to run events like these. A final thanks also goes to our Primary 7 pupils who assisted on the day!

Last week we held our whole school Santa Dash fundraiser. We were not sure how this would go, with staff in particular thinking 'as many laps as possible in 45 minutes' would be too much for our children. Well, we were wrong on all accounts! It was a fantastic turnout and the children clearly thought highly of it as they rated it highly! Thanks also to the parents/carers/extended family members who were able to come along and take part/support the event. At our last count, over £1500 has been raised so far. Money continues to come in. Thank you!

A detailed 'Christmas at Hunter' poster has now been issued with key dates. We hope when the time comes, you and your family has a well-rested Christmas break, and we will see you all in 2024!

November seemed to be over in the blink of an eye. Some highlights included:

- P.6, Room 8 pupils completing their 12 week P.E. curricular swimming lessons.
- P.5, 6&7 pupils attending their second Sportshall Athletics competition and P7 Netball Festival.
- Teaching staff taking part in their first SSERC STEM Professional Learning sessions.
- P.7 pupils and parents/carers attending the Calderglen High School open evening.
- Classes taking part in Anti-Bullying week in Health and Wellbeing.
- Teaching staff upskilling by attending 'Talk for Writing' professional training.

Here's to a very busy and exciting December!

**Mr. Gary Campbell, Head Teacher**

### Our School Vision:

Here at Hunter Primary School we aim to be **Happy, Understanding, Nurturing, Truthful, Equal and Respectful.**



Please follow us  
on Twitter/X:  
**@HunterPrimary**



**We have: 332 followers**

### House Point Totals:

**Bruce House: 742**

**Burns House: 666**

**Graham Bell House:  
751**

**Wallace House: 720**

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school or by emailing one of the addresses below:

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Mr. Campbell's email (HT)

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Mrs. Baddeley's email (PT)

[gw11mclaughlinashley@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw11mclaughlinashley@glow.sch.uk)

Mrs. McLaughlin's email (PT)

### 'Handle with Care' notification

All children come to school with a variety of emotions. At Hunter, we have a **'Handle with Care' alert system**. If you feel we need to know about something that has happened at home that may have an impact on your child's learning in school for that particular day, please notify us at the school either by telephone or email. This information is treated with sensitivity and communicated to the class teacher and Support Staff so that we can ensure your child is as settled as possible during school hours.

### Adverse Weather - reminder



As we see the weather beginning to change it is important to have a plan in place to ensure the safety and welfare of all children, staff, and members of the public. **(A detailed Adverse Weather Plan is posted on the school website and app (information section)).**

#### Patch icy ground, light snow, or rain:

Where there is **patchy icy ground, light snow, or rain**, school start/finish routines will remain as normal. We advise that children are not brought to school until **just before the 9.00 am bell** and avoid entering playground spaces until then (unless attending Breakfast Club). On days of **heavy rain**, pupils will enter the building before the 9 am bell **(from 8.50 am)** where they will walk directly to their class and will be supervised by class monitors and Support Staff.

#### Heavy snow/mostly icy playground spaces:

In the instance of deep snow, SLC Head Teachers have the authority to delay school opening until 10 am. We will ensure this is communicated as quickly as possible (via the school app, Twitter, school website).

SLC ask Janitors to guarantee **one** clear pathway into the school. Clearly for a school like ours, with many access points/gates, this would be challenging. In instances of **heavy snow/mostly icy playground spaces** Davy (janitor) will endeavour to clear as much as he is able to. I ask you to be mindful of this as it is a big job for Davy, and he may not manage all access points/routes into the school.

#### The school needs to close early:

This situation is also extremely rare and will always be avoided, where possible. Where an early closure is deemed necessary by the Head Teacher in conjunction with SLC HQ. The decision to close early will depend on the assessed safety and welfare of children, current weather conditions in the area, the weather forecast, road and traffic conditions and availability of staff.

Under these circumstances we will use all communication channels available parents/carers should: **Check for updates on the school app - Check the SLC and school websites for updates - Follow SLC and school twitter - Check the Parent Council Facebook page - Listen to local radio stations e.g Radio Clyde.**

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## Christmas @ Hunter 2023

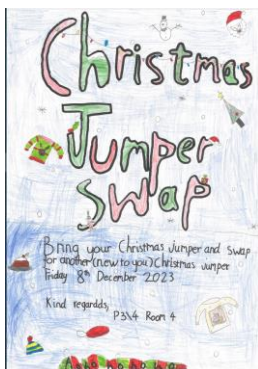
### Primary 3/4, Room 4's Christmas Jumper appeal

Primary 3/4 pupils are looking for any pre-loved Christmas jumpers. If you have any child sized Christmas jumpers that no longer fit/no longer needed and that you think another child would benefit from, we would love to have them handed in at the school.

The boys and girls in Room 4 will begin visiting classes on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December where they will collect the jumpers.

There will then be an opportunity on **the afternoon of Monday 11<sup>th</sup>** for children who have donated to pick a jumper if they like. For all jumpers that are left over, there will be an opportunity for parents/carers to come into the school **shortly after 3 pm** to take a pre-loved jumper on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**.

This enterprising activity will support our **Equity agenda** and will allow a pupil to wear a Christmas jumper for our 'Christmas jumper day' which will be held on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. **Please note**, there is **no** requirement to buy a Christmas jumper, instead pupils may wish to wear a Christmas hat or tinsel, etc on that day if they wish.



### Primary 2, Room 3's Christmas Postal Service

Room 3 will be running a Christmas Post throughout December. It will be taking place from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December until Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

If your child wishes to send Christmas cards to their friends they can post them in the post box that is located at the office. Your class teacher will allocate you a time when you can pop them in the post box.

Room 3 will then deliver these cards each day. Can you please mark clearly on the envelope the child's name and room number that you are sending the card to.

Hunter primary  
christmas  
week December  
20th December



Post your cards here!

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## Christmas @ Hunter 2023 (continued)

### Pupil Christmas Lunch

Our annual Pupil Christmas lunch will take place on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. The option choices include:-

- **Roast Turkey (served with gravy and chipolatas)**
- **Steak Pie**
- **Vegetable tart (vegetarian option)**

All dishes will be served with **roast potatoes, carrots and peas**

- **Dessert is a sweet treat**



Thank you to everyone who has returned their reply-slip indicating your child's preference. Please note there will be **no** sandwich options on this day.

### Christmas Class Parties

Our Christmas class parties will take place in the final week of the school term. Dates confirmed are:

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Primary 6 and 7 party**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Primary 1 party**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Primary 2 and 3 party**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Primary 4 and 5 party**



**\* There will be a special guest at the Primary 1 party which is top secret. Parents/carers of pupils in Primary 1 are invited to come along at 2.15 pm on this date to join their child.**

For all Christmas Parties, pupils can come dressed to school in their party clothes or bring their party clothing in a bag so they can get changed in the afternoon.

### Gifting to staff

Although never expected, we have always been extremely appreciative of gifts received by pupils/parents/families over the years. However, within the current climate we find ourselves in (cost of living, etc), at Hunter Primary, we wanted to pass on the message that **gifting to a member of staff is not expected and most certainly not a requirement**. We know only too well the costs Christmas adds to a family budget, especially this year. We most certainly do not want to add to these costs.

We thank you for your continued support with this.



## Celebrating Success and Achievement

Our second **Heart of Hunter** award assembly of the session took place on Friday. Our award winners for November were:-

Primary 1, Room 1	-	Cooper H
Primary 1, Room 2	-	Eli T
Primary 2, Room 3	-	Lola A
Primary 3/4, Room 4	-	Ava T
Primary 4, Room 6	-	Casey C
Primary 5, Room 7	-	Jessica McC
Primary 6, Room 8	-	Gordon A
Primary 7, Room 9	-	Matthew M



### 'Hunter's Got Talent':

Our first 'Hunter's Got Talent' assembly took place in November. What a fantastic set of award winners!

Kiera M, Room 9	-	Achievements in Gymnastics
Tia F, Room 4	-	Achievements in Athletics
Scarlett S, Room 4	-	Achievements in Gymnastics
Rosie M, Room 6	-	Achievements in Football
Holly McL, Room 4	-	Achievements at home and Rugby
Poppy L, Room 1	-	Achievements in Swimming
Thomas W, Room 7	-	Achievements in Football
Pyper S, Room 8	-	Achievements in Swimming
Ava T, Room 4	-	Achievements in Gymnastics
Alexa K, Room 4	-	Achievements in Gymnastics
Sienna McG, Room 1-	-	Awarded a Blue Peter badge for swimming
Jenson McG, Room 4-	-	Awarded a Blue Peter badge for being an Eco warrior
Lottie W, Room 3	-	Achievements in Gymnastics
Arran McL, Room 3	-	Achievements in Gymnastics
Aria McL, Room 4	-	Achievements in Gymnastics
Evie F, Room 7	-	Achievements in Ice Skating
Eva K, Room 3	-	Achievements in Football and Gymnastics
Lewis McG, Room 3	-	Achievements in Ice Skating
Rosie M, Room 6	-	Achievements in Football
Sabine W, Room 4	-	Achievements in Gymnastics
Liam F, Room 6	-	Award for being a supportive friend

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## Diary Dates - December

**Remember to keep an eye on the 'Dates' section of the school app.**



- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Pre-loved Christmas Jumper donations for P.3/4 enterprise
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Card Post service by P2, Room 3 (Post box located at the office).
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - **Whole school visit to the King's Theatre** for 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves'
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Chaplaincy Christmas Assembly for pupils
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Nativity dress rehearsal (am)
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - **9.30 am 'The Big Little Nativity'** performance (1)  
**11.30 am 'The Big Little Nativity'** performance (2)
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - **Primary 6 and 7 Christmas Party** (pm)
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - **Primary 1 Christmas Party** (pm) (with a special guest)  
– P.1 Parents/Carers invited from 2.15 pm
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - **Primary 2 and 3 Christmas Party** (pm)
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Whole school Christmas Movie (am)  
**Primary 4 and 5 Christmas Party** (pm)
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Whole school Christmas Quiz (am)  
School closes at @ 2.30 pm



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