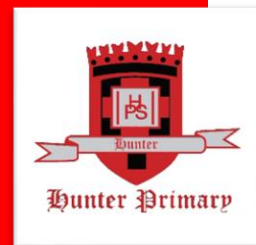




Hunter Primary Newsletter ~ December 2024



School Motto: 'Together we are the Heart of Hunter'

Welcome to our December newsletter. The festive activities have already begun with the children in Primary 1, rooms 1 and 2 commencing their rehearsals for their nativity performance (see below), and our very successful Santa Dash fundraiser which took place on Thursday 28th November - total raised will be announced soon. As always, we thank you for your continued support at what is a very fun, but sometimes busy and stressful time of year.

Learning will continue in class as normal throughout December, with teachers being mindful of busy home schedules where homework may be slightly reduced. A reminder that SumDog can be accessed at home which has recently been renewed for another year.

We are very much looking forward to the diary dates over the next three weeks. A reminder that our annual visit to the King's Theatre will take place on **Thursday 12th December**. I will issue confirmed arrangements w.b. 9th December.

As we swiftly move into December, our November highlights consisted of:

- All classes taking part in anti-bullying week.
- Senior pupils continuing their success at various sporting festivals.
- A very successful Book week Scotland which was organised by Mrs. McLean including P1-3 Book Bug parent/carer involvement.
- The opening of our new Library where all pupils have the opportunity to visit weekly.
- Staff across the authority being up skilled in Writing with a visit from Stephen Graham to Rooms 1, 4 and 8.
- Extra-curricular clubs continuing across the school day including P5-7 Basketball which is led by our Sports Leaders from Calderglen High School.

Here's to a cracking December in Hunter!

Mr. Gary Campbell
Head Teacher

Our School Vision:

Here at Hunter Primary School we aim to be

**Happy, Understanding,
Nurturing, Truthful,
Equal and Respectful.**



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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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'Simply the Nativity'

Our Primary 1 actors and actresses are working hard in the background learning their lines and are very excited to perform 'Simply the Nativity' to you on **Friday 13th December**. There will be two performances on the day:-



Performance 1 – @ 9.30 am sharp (including Cellists, Violinists and Choir performance)

Performance 2 – @ 11.30 am (including Choir performance)

All of our 8 classes, and choir will have a part to play in bringing the performance to you. It's going to be a fantastic morning!

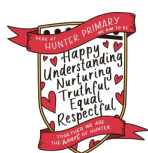
Those who are attending the first performance, we ask you to be in the hall as soon as possible for a sharp start at 9.30 am. Doors into the school will be open from 9.10 am. We ask you to be seated for 9.20 am, this is partly due to a busier schedule with instrumentalists and choir performing.

Following the first nativity performance, there will be an opportunity for all to have a cup of tea/coffee/biscuit/mince pie in our canteen. Those attending the second performance will be able to enter the school from 11.00 am where you will be able to have your treat prior to performance two.

Ticket information has now been issued via the school app and ParentsPortal. We will advise parents/carers of any additional tickets for sale on Monday 9th December.

'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.



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Christmas @ Hunter 2024

Primary 4/5, Room 6's Christmas Jumper appeal

Primary 4/5, room 6 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 children have been very impressed with the donations so far.

There will then be an opportunity on **the afternoon of Thursday 5th and 6th** for you to pop into the canteen and take a Christmas jumper from **2.50 pm - 3.15 pm**.

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 **Tuesday 10th December**. **Please note**, there is **no** requirement to buy a Christmas jumper for the Christmas jumper day, 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 2nd December until Wednesday 18th 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.

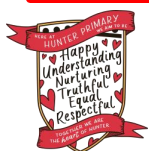


Room 3 will then deliver these cards each day. Can you please mark clearly on the envelope the **child's name** and **room number** that you are sending the card to.

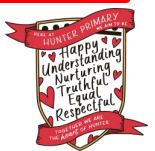
Gifting to staff

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.



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School Attendance

At Hunter Primary School we value excellent attendance and recognise the connection between regular attendance at school and the attainment and achievement of our children. A focus for all Scottish schools, and a key priority within South Lanarkshire is to improve attendance. Therefore, attendance is a key priority within our schools.

Our target being that pupils should attend for at least **95%** of the school session and should not be late for school. We understand that sometimes children cannot attend school due to ill health or medical reasons, however, we are keen to work in partnership with parents/carers to enable all children to attend school as much as possible.

All absences from school are required by law to be recorded. Absences will normally fall under two categories - **authorised** or **unauthorised absence**. In cases where children are unable to attend school parents/carers are asked to:

- Contact the school office if they know in advance of any reason why their child is likely to be absent from school.
- Notify the school by phone call or email before 9.30 am, stating the reason for absence and the likely date of return. Parents/carers are asked to keep the school informed if the date changes.
- Inform the school of any changes to contact details including changes to emergency contacts for their child.

Children's attendance data is monitored monthly by the Senior Leadership Team within the school. Hunter Primary use the table below to identify the level of risk and issue an appropriate attendance letter to advise parents/carers of their child's current attendance rate. Any letter issued will be supportive and is as a means of communication between school and home.

Days off school add up to lost learning.					
190 days of education each year.	Up to 10 days absence (2 weeks) 180 days of education	Up to 20 days absence (4 weeks) 170 days of education	Up to 30 days absence (6 weeks) 160 days of education	Up to 38 days absence (7 ½ weeks). One day for every week at school. 152 days of education	More than 39 days absence
100%	95% - 99%	90% - 94%	85% - 89%	80% - 84%	Less than 80%
Excellent	Very Good	Slight Concern	Concerning	Risk of Underachievement	Severe Risk of Underachievement
All children have the 'Right to an Education' (UNCRC Article 28)					

Should you have a concern or worry about your child's attendance or late coming, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school where will be able to support you.



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Celebrating Success and Achievement

We held our first 'Hunter's Got Talent' wider achievements award assembly on Friday 29th November. We simply love to celebrate and recognise the wider achievements of our pupils from out of school. This term, award winners included:-

Jack T	-	Room 9	-	Achievements in football and supporting younger children in sport clubs
Eilidh McP	-	Room 1	-	Achievements in football
Francesca H	-	Room 1	-	Being a kind person to another pupil
Samuella O	-	Room 8	-	Supporting a new pupil feel welcome
Sophie McC	-	Room 6	-	Dance team placing 2 nd in World Dance Championship competition
Jenson M	-	Room 6	-	Achievements in football
Ben F	-	Room 2	-	Achievements in Swimming
Scarlett S	-	Room 6	-	Achievements in gymnastics
Olivia H	-	Room 2	-	Achievements in gymnastics
Abi D	-	Room 7	-	Achievements and skills in art
Ava T	-	Room 6	-	Achievements in gymnastics
Aria McL	-	Room 7	-	Achievements in athletics

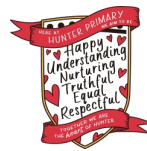


Our **Playground** and **MUGA** award winners, as nominated by our Support Staff and Davy for Term 1:

Room 1	-	Jasmine H	-	For being kind and caring to other children.
Room 2	-	Grace C	-	For always being kind and caring to her classmates.
Room 3	-	Ada S	-	For being super kind and caring to other children.
Room 4	-	Eva K	-	For using good manners when asking a question.
Room 6	-	Hannah L	-	For always being kind to others.
Room 7	-	Karis B	-	For showing the Hunter values.
Room 8	-	Isaac M	-	For always being kind and caring towards others.
Room 9	-	Cade F	-	For looking after the P.1 children.
MUGA	-	Jessica McC	-	Great attitude and always smiling.
MUGA	-	Luke F	-	Always cracking jokes with Davy and being positive.



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Spotlight on Learning

Room 1 – Visiting the library



Room 2 – Book Bug session



Room 3 – Working with R.9



Room 4 – Games fun in P.E.



Room 6 - Christmas jumper Enterprise



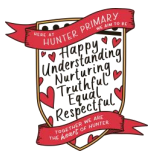
Room 7 – Santa Dash ready!



Room 8 – Science air resistance investigation Room 9 – Visiting the new library



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Diary Dates – December 2024



Remember to keep an eye on the 'Dates' section of the school app as this can change weekly.

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| Monday 2nd December | - | Christmas Card postal service begins (R3 enterprise) |
| Tuesday 3rd December | - | P5-7 Basketball club final session |
| Thursday 5th December | - | Sportshall Athletics/Code clubs final session |
| | | Christmas Jumper 'rake and take' - P4/5 enterprise @ 2.50 pm in canteen |
| Friday 6th December | - | Christmas Food bank collection/dress down day in exchange of item |
| | | Chaplaincy assembly/Heart of Hunter awards |
| | | Selected P5-7 athletes to Sportshall Final |
| | | Christmas Jumper 'rake and take' - P4/5 enterprise @ 2.50 pm in canteen |
| Tuesday 10th December | - | Christmas jumper day/Christmas lunch |
| Thursday 12th December | - | Whole school Nativity dress rehearsal (am) |
| | | Whole school visit King's Theatre - Panto |
| Friday 13th December | - | Nativity Performances @ 9.30 am and 11.30 am |
| Monday 16th December | - | P6 and P7 Christmas party (pm) |
| Tuesday 17th December | - | P2 and P3 Christmas party (pm) |
| Wednesday 18th December | - | P1 Christmas party (pm) |
| Thursday 19th December | - | Christmas movie morning |
| | | P4 and P5 Christmas party |
| Friday 20th December | - | Mr. Campbell's Christmas quiz (am) |
| | | School closes @ 2.30 pm |

Future diary dates:

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| Monday 6th January 2025 | - | School returns - start of Term 2 |
| Monday 13th January 2025 | - | Infant enrolment week |
| | | Parent Council meeting |



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