



Welcome to our 2022 festive newsletter. I hope you find the information included, helpful and informative. As always, please feel free to contact the school for more information you may require.

Parents' Night

It was great to see the school so busy at our recent parents' nights, and to be able to welcome parents back into the school. Thankyou for taking the time to attend to speak with staff, socialise with a cup of coffee and browse at our Book Fair. As always, the book fair was extremely successful and very well supported. Thankyou!



Night Before Christmas Campaign 2022

Our sincere thanks to all parents who contributed in any way to the "Night Before Christmas" appeal. We had a visit from Elf, who collected the donations collected by the generous pupils, parents and staff in Forehill. Well done and thankyou everyone for your support. A special word of thanks to Mrs MacGibbon, one of our P1 teachers who co-ordinated this for us.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair takes place in the school tonight, **Friday 2nd December**, from 6pm onwards. It is great to be able to have such events once again. Please come along and support the school. A range of stalls and activities for all the family.

Cluster Christmas Cracker - Ayr Town Hall

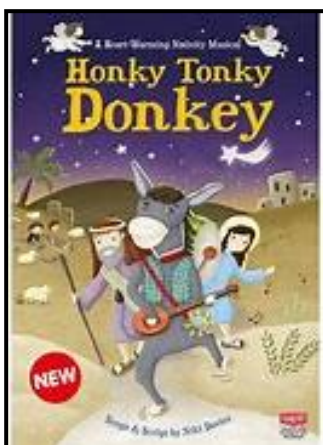
Once again, our cluster of schools - Forehill Primary, Grammar Primary and Kyle Academy are pleased to present our "Christmas Cracker" in Ayr Town Hall on **Tuesday 13th December** at **7.00pm**. This will feature all instrumentalists, and our senior choir. Tickets priced £3 are now on sale from the school office. Mr McDowall has already issued information to all children taking part.

Nativity Performance - P1 Parents

Our P1 classes will present their nativity to P1 parents in the school hall on **Tuesday 20th December** at **11.30am**. Due to available space, we would ask that a maximum of two adults per P1 child attend. There will also be an opportunity to see this at the church on Wednesday 21st December.



Christmas Service

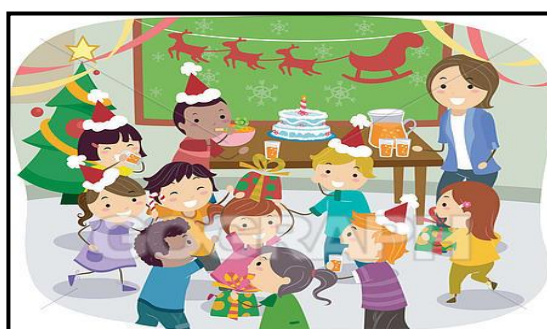


Our end of term Christmas Service will take place in Castlehill Church on **Wednesday 21st December** at 9.45am. At this service, our P1 children will present "Honky Tonky Donkey" and our choirs and music making group will also take part. All P1-7 pupils will walk with staff and parent helpers to and from the church. Our EYC are not attending church on this occasion. As the weather is unpredictable, I would ask that you ensure all children are wearing a suitable jacket on that day.

I look forward to welcoming family and friends to this special Christmas Celebration, at which a collection will be taken for a charity, which will be decided by our head pupils.

Christmas Parties

The dates for all Christmas Parties are noted on the diary dates at the back of the newsletter. Parties are free to all children, with goodies supplied through the generosity and support from our parent council donations. All parties take place during the school day, with the exception of our P7 party. Please note, at the end of their party, our young people in P7 **MUST** be collected at **9.00pm** by an adult.



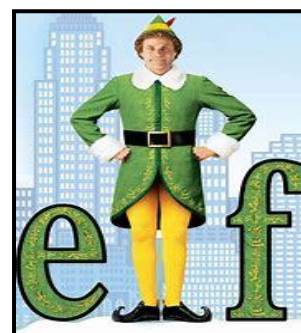
Pantomime - EYC - P4 Classes

All children in our EYC and our P1-P4 classes will attend a performance of "Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs" which will be presented by M&M Productions. This will take place on the morning of **Thursday 22nd December** in the school. Donations from our parent council will help subsidise this, but we would ask that children pay **£3.00** towards the cost. This can be sent to school any time now.

P5-7 Outing to Cinema

Children in our P5-7 classes will make a visit to the Odeon Cinema on the morning of **Thursday 22nd December**. They will leave the school at 9.15am and return in time for lunch. The children have chosen to have their own private screening of the movie "Elf"

If you are able to assist as a parent helper, I would ask that you inform your child's teacher, and we will then be in touch. Children should bring a drink and snack to the cinema. Donations from our parent council will help subsidise this, but we would ask that children pay **£3.00** towards the cost. This can be sent to school any time now.



EYC Sing-a-long

The children in our Early Years Centre are holding a Christmas Sing-a-long for parents in the EYC on **Wednesday 14th December** at various times throughout the day. The timeslot for your child will be highlighted to you by nursery staff.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch will take place in the school on **Wednesday 21st December** and will be available to all children from EYC through to P7. Order forms have already been issued and returned. There is still the facility for children who wish to, to have packed lunches on this day.

Christmas Countdown

As we approach Christmas, all children and staff are counting down the days with a number of fun activities each day. As you will see from the calendar below, lots of fun is guaranteed!

Our Christmas Countdown!				
Christmas Decorating Week				
Christmas jumpers can be worn from 1st December onwards.				
	Let the magic begin! ☆☆☆☆☆ Christmas at Forehill Primary has started!		Thursday 1st Christmas Classroom Decorating Day!	Friday 2nd Christmas Classroom Decorating Day!
Magical Moments				
Monday 5th P1-3 Indoor Snowball Games Rev. P. Russell P3C/EYC/P25	Tuesday 6th Competition Day - Who has the best decorated classroom?	Wednesday 7th Community Christmas Card Day EYC Indoor Snowball Games	Thursday 8th P1-7 Christmas Sing Song Rev. P. Russell P4M/P4H	Friday 9th Decorate Class Christmas Bauble P7 Indoor Snowball Games Rev. P. Russell P5P/P5S
Christmas Fun!				
Monday 12th Hang class bauble on the school Christmas tree at Assembly. P4-6 Indoor Snowball Games Rev. P. Russell P6S	Tuesday 13th EYC & P1-7 Santa Dash Rev. P. Russell P3Z P5 The Story of Christmas Scavenger Hunt	Wednesday 14th P5 Christmas Party EYC Extravaganza	Thursday 15th P6 Christmas Party Christmas Quiz Rev. P. Russell P2K & P2/3M EYC-P4 Christmas Scavenger Hunt	Friday 16th P1 Christmas Party Christmas Movie Magic Rev. P. Russell P7
Christmas Excitement				
Monday 19th P3 Christmas Assembly (Kyle S3 Leaders) P4 Christmas Party P1-3 Cosy Christmas Stories with Mrs Baines P6/7 Nativity Escape Room Challenge	Tuesday 20th EYC & P1 Performance to Parents P2 & P3 Christmas Party Christmas Mindfulness Zentangles	Wednesday 21st Christmas Church Service EYC & School Christmas Lunch EYC Christmas Party & Santa P7 Christmas Party	Thursday 22nd EY5 & P1-4 Pantomime (School) P5-7 Cinema-Christmas Movie	Christmas Holidays

P7 Registration for Secondary School

Information has already been sent to P7 parents about the registration process for children moving to secondary school next August. This is now an on-line process. We would ask that ALL P7 parents ensure they do this before the on-line process closes on 11th December. Should you need any assistance or advice about this, please contact Mrs Mulholland at the school.

Infant Registration

Registration for children due to start Primary 1 in August 2023 will take place in the week commencing **Monday 16th January**. This is an online process, and more detailed information will be issued early in the new year. I would be grateful if you could pass this information to anyone you know who has a child ready to begin school in August 2023.



Family Burns Supper

Prior to Covid, our P7 children ran each year, a very successful P7 Family Burns Supper. We are delighted to be able to run this event again. It will take in the school on the evening of **Thursday 26th January** at 7.00pm More details will follow for P7 parents - please keep the date free. This is always a really entertaining and enjoyable family evening.



Scottish Poetry Competition

Our annual Scottish Poetry competition took place in the school this week, with judging being done by Mr Hill. As always, the standard was extremely high across all stages. Well done to all our winners and the runner up from each class.

Class	Winner	Runner Up	Class	Winner	Runner Up
EYC	Brea C	Orla T	P4H	Jessica-Rose	Ruby C
P1M	Ayla C	Alfie T	P4M	Abbie B	Maya S
P1T	Fletcher H	Ava C	P5P	Roxi D	Donna M
P1R	Aria G	Daniel B	P5S	Amelia Mc	Fletcher M
P2K	Rosie L	Stan M	P6H	Lois C	Riley Mc
P2S	Penny H	Reuben G	P6S	Taylor-James	Megan S
P2/3	Lily S	Lyla Mc	P6D	Sana S	Katy G
P3C	Holly S	Alfie H	P7P	Abigail J	Freddie M
P3Z	Cassie Mc	Leighton B	P7R	Charlotte M	Ava C

Learning Together Dates

Each session, we invite you as parents into classes to take part in learning activities alongside your children. These have been very successful in the past and allow you to see the range of learning your child is involved in. At parental request, we are able to provide dates well in advance for the learning together sessions. Due to circumstances beyond our control, there have been a couple of small changes to dates. These are now noted below for all classes:

Class	Date	Time	Class	Date	Time
EYC	w/b 5 th December w/b 13 th March	Various Various	P3Z	7 th December 15 th March	2.00pm 2.00pm
P1	5 th December 13 th March	2.00pm 2.00pm	P4	30 th March	9.30am
P2S	8 th December 14 th March	9.30am 2.00pm	P5	30 th March	2.00pm
P2K	8 th December 16 th March	2.00pm 2.00pm	P6	29 th March	9.30am
P2/3	7 th December 15 th March	2.00pm 2.00pm	P7	28 th March	2.00pm
P3C	9 th December 17 th March	9.30am 9.30am			

Uniform Bank

Our uniform bank continues to be available in the school and has a supply of pre-loved uniform items for all ages. Should you wish to make use of this facility, you can do so by contacting Mrs McDowall at the school in complete confidence. Our thanks to those parents who have donated items to this - they are being put to great use. Thankyou!

Planned Industrial Action - 10th January 2023

We have been informed about potential industrial action in all primary schools on Tuesday 10th January 2023. At the moment, I am unable to provide any further information, but as soon as this is available, I will share it with you.

Can You Help Save Forehill Youth Club?



Forehill Youth Club operates within Forehill Primary School however, is open to any child who attends primary school within the local area. It provides a safe and open environment for children to socialise, learn new skills and try new activities. Prior to closing it had a roll of 80 children who attended over 2 sessions. The club has been operating for over 15 years but unfortunately had to close due to the Covid lockdown in March 2020, and now we want to

bring it back to life! However - we need your help. The club was run solely by parent volunteers with support from South Ayrshire Council Community Learning & Development team and an excellent working relationship with Forehill Primary School. Without parent volunteers the club cannot operate. Most of the past committee members and volunteer helpers' children have now moved on to Secondary School. To find out more about what is involved, or register your interest in attending a meeting, please speak to Lucy or Elaine at tonight's Xmas fayre, or contact Elaine on email emccubbin40@gmail.com.

Children Arriving Late

Children arriving after the bell at 9.00am or after staff have closed entrance doors should enter the school via the main entrance and sign in as late at the main office.

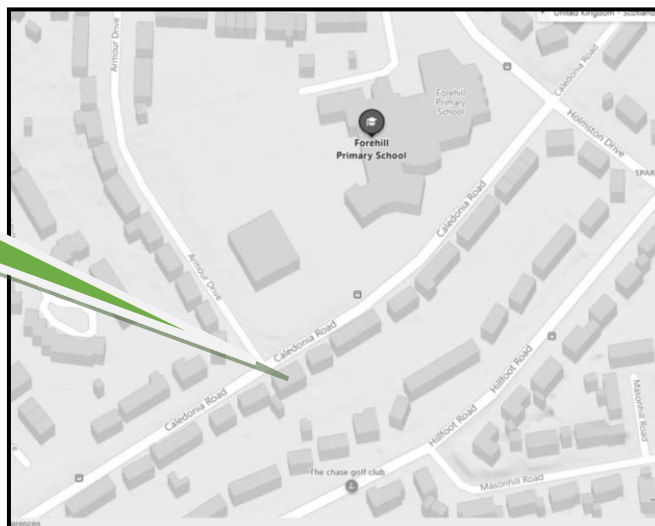
Many thanks for your assistance with this.

Early Years Centre Car Park

Due to the number of drivers driving with no consideration for the fact children are about, double parking, parking on pavements, grass etc, I have taken the decision as from **Monday 9th January**, the car park will be for staff and blue badge holders only.

As of Monday 9th January, we would ask that parents park legally beyond the junction for Armour Drive and Caledonia Road, and enter the EYC by the entrance from the pavement at the corner of Armour Drive/Caledonia Road. Thanks for your co-operation with this.

Please enter and leave the EYC by path here.....



Parking & Driving Around the School

We are continuing to work with colleagues across a number of council departments to explore a range of measures which will enhance pupil safety around the school. However, these measures will ONLY be effective if parents CHOOSE to park and drive sensibly.

A CCTV camera has been installed in Caledonia Road and is being monitored.

New red zones are being painted on roads at the designated crossing sites on Hillfoot Road and Caledonia Road. In the new year, flashing signs will be put in place in Hillfoot Road to control speed and alert drivers that children are crossing.

Keeping in Touch

In addition to the monthly "Newslink" for all parents, we would encourage you to make use of our website, twitter and our facebook page. Please follow us on these:

Website: www.forehill.sayr.sch.uk
Facebook: @Forehill50
School Twitter: @ForehillPrimary
Nursery Twitter: @ForehillN



HOLIDAYS

Please note the school will close at 2.30pm on **Thursday 22nd December**, and will reopen to pupils on **Monday 9th January 2023 at 9.00am**.

Our Early Years Centre will be open on **Thursday 22nd December** as normal, but will also close at 2.30pm on that day. Please note, children who normally attend our early years centre on a Thursday afternoon should be collected by **2.15pm**.

On behalf of all my staff and my own family, I would like to extend to you and your family, every good wish and many blessings for a peaceful and enjoyable festive season.

Please enjoy the family time together - have fun, lots of laughs but most of all, take care of each other.

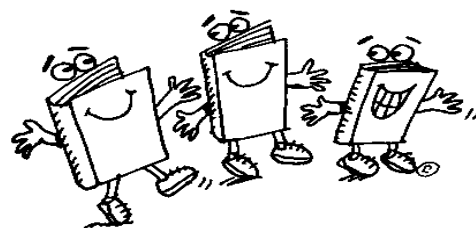
Many thanks &
Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Watson".

David Watson
Head Teacher



DIARY DATES



Date	Times	Class	Details
w/b Mon 5 th December	Various	EYC	Family Stay and Play Sessions
Fri 9 th December	9.15am	P5-7	Choirs/Musicians to Kyle Academy
Tue 13 th December	7.00pm	Choirs	Cluster Concert - Town Hall
Wed 14 th December	11am/1.15/2pm	EYC	Christmas Sing-A-Long
Wed 14 th December	1.30pm	P5	Christmas Party
Thu 15 th December	1.30pm	P6	Christmas Party
Fri 16 th December	1.30pm	P1	Christmas Party
Mon 19 th December	1.30pm	P4	Christmas Party
Tue 20 th December	1.30pm	P2 & P3	Christmas Party
Wed 21 st December	9.45am	P1-7	Christmas Service - Castlehill
Wed 21 st December	12.00	All	Christmas Lunch
Wed 21 st December	7.00pm-9.00pm	P7	P7 Christmas Party
Thu 22 nd December	9.15am	EYC - P4	Pantomime in School
Thu 22 nd December	9.15am	P5-7	Visit to Cinema
Thu 22 nd December	2.30pm	All	School Closes
Wed 4 th January	Various	EYC	Nursery Re-opens (52wk attendance)
Mon 9 th January	9.00am	All	School Re-opens
Thu 26 th January	7.00pm	P7	P7 Family Burns Supper
Fri 10 th /Mon 13 th Feb	All Day	All	School Closed
Tue 14 th February	All Day	All	In-Service Day
Thu 2 nd March	All Day	All	World Book Day
Tue 21 - Thu 23 March	Days	P7	Inverclyde Residential Visit
Fri 31 st March	2.30pm	All	School Closes
Mon 17 th April	9.00am	All	School Re-opens
Mon 22 nd May	Week	P1-7	Reports Issued to Parents
Fri 26 th /Mon 29 th May	All Day	All	School Closed
Tue 30 th May	All Day	All	In-Service Day
Wed 31 st May	6.00pm	All	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thu 1 st June	3.45pm	All	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Mon 5 th - Fri 9 th June	Various	P5-7	School Show - Gaiety Theatre
Mon 12 th - Fri 2 nd June	Two Weeks	All	Feeling Good Fortnight
Tue 13 th June	All Day	P7	Visits to Secondary School
Tue 13 th June	9.30am	P1-6	Bump Up Morning
Wed 14 th June	All Day	P7	Visits to Secondary School
Fri 16 th June	1.30pm	P1-3	P1-3 Sports Afternoon
Thu 22 nd June	11.00am	P4-5	P4-5 Sports
Thu 22 nd June	1.30pm	P6-7	P6-7 Sports
Fri 30 th June	9.45am	All	Closing Service - Castlehill
Fri 30 th June	1.00pm	P1-7	School Closes