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Weekly Newsletter

Diary Dates 2019-2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tuesday 26 th November	2.00 – 3.00	P1 Bookbug Afternoon
Friday 29 th November	1.45 – 3.15	Tillydrone Christmas Lights Switch On
Saturday 30 th November	11.00 – 2.00	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 3 rd December	All day	Bags to school collection day
Friday 6 th December	9.00 – 10.00	P1 Stay and Play
Tuesday 10 th December	P1 – 9.30 & 1.15 P2, 3 & 4 – 11.00 & 2.15	Christmas Concert
Wednesday 11 th December	P5, 6 & 7 – 9.30 & 2.00	Christmas Concert
Thursday 12 th December	1.00 – 3.15	P1 Christmas Party
Friday 13 th December	9.00 – 10.00	P1 Stay and Play
Friday 13 th December	1.00 – 3.15	P2 Christmas Party
Monday 16 th December	1.00 – 3.15	P3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 th December	12.00 - 2.00	Pupils' Christmas Lunch / Riverbank Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17 th December	1.00 – 3.15	P4 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th December	1.00 – 3.15	P5 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th December	10.00 & 2.00	Nursery parties
Thursday 19 th December	1.00 – 3.15	Primary 6 Christmas Party
Friday 20 th December	9.30 am	Christmas Service
Friday 20 th December	1.00 – 3.15	P7 Christmas Party
<u>Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January - Holidays</u>		

Christmas Concerts

The children will be sharing with you Christmas Themed Concerts in December. Dates and times indicated below – you will receive a letter today regarding how to obtain tickets.

Primary 1 – Tuesday 10th December 9.30 & 1.15 (change of time)

Primary 2, 3 & 4 – Tuesday 10th December 11.00 & 2.15 (change of time)

Primary 5, 6 & 7 – Wednesday 11th December 9.30 & 2.00

Bags2School

P6P and the Eco schools interest group are again arranged to collect your recyclable clothes, toys and shoes. You will soon receive a bag and an information leaflet about what can be in the bag. Bags should be deposited in the bicycle shed before Tuesday 3rd of December as this is the day the bags are collected.

Christmas Jumpers

Riverbank School's Christmas jumper day is on Tuesday 17th December (this is also the Pupils' Christmas Lunch – we thought it would make things festive!). We are very aware that Christmas Jumpers can be very expensive, especially just to wear at Christmas time. Tillydrone Community Campus are supporting a local initiative to help cut down the costs. If you have any jumpers your children have outgrown you can drop these off at the Community Campus, these will then be available to buy at the School Fayre on Saturday (at a much reduced cost!) Donated jumpers should be undamaged and in a condition that you would be happy to wear.

School Lunches

We still have children who for school lunch who tell us that they do not like anything on the menu. Can you please ensure that you discuss with your children what the choices are and if they do not like anything, make alternative arrangements ie packed lunch. We certainly do not want any of the children to be hungry in the afternoon.

Packed Lunches

We have an increasing number of children (particularly the younger children), who although provided with packed lunches, will say they do not like anything in their packed lunch and then request a school dinner. We are no longer able to do this, as the children must order their lunch at 9.00 am and there is no 'spare' food. Please ensure that your children understand that they must eat what you have given them for packed lunch as school lunches cannot be ordered later in the morning.

Snack

We have a large amount of children who are coming to school without snack and are telling us they are hungry at break time. Can you please provide your children with a small snack at break time ie apple, banana etc. If this causes a difficulty please get in touch with us and we will see how we can help.

Nursery / School Absence policy

Aberdeen City Council's absence policy applies to both school and nursery pupils. Parents of nursery pupils must contact the school on the first day of absence to inform us of why the child is absent. If no contact is made you will receive a text to remind you. On the second day of absence if we still do not know why the child is absent you will receive a call from the office. If there is still no contact on the third day then our Home School Liaison Officer will visit the home address. If we are still unable to establish why a child is absent we have to follow the Children Missing from Education policy, which may involve contacting social work and the police.

Nursery Phone Calls

If you need to speak to a member of nursery staff by phone please call outwith the nursery session times as staff are busy supporting the children. The staff in the office will take a message for you and pass it on to the appropriate member of nursery staff.

Christmas Lights Switch on

We have been invited by Tillydrone Community Council to be part of the 'Christmas Lights Switch on'. On Friday 29th November the P1 children will be at the Campus for 2.00, where they will switch on the Christmas Tree Lights. They will then join the rest of the school at 2.15 at St George's Church, where there will be whole school Carol singing, our Glee Group will be performing and Mr Dawson our music teacher has organised a brass band to play. Then at approx. 2.45 we will leave the church to make our way back to school and the Christmas Lights will be switched on as we walk back to school. **All children will then be dismissed from school at 3.15.** Parents and community members are invited to join us at the Campus and St George's. If parents are able to accompany classes across to the Church we would certainly appreciate your help. Please contact your child's class teacher directly if you can help. Below are some changes to our usual arrangements so that we can join in with the Lights Switch on.
P3 & P4 lunch will be from 12.45 – 1.45 and there will be no soft finish for P1 on this day.

Book Fayre

The Book Fayre is in school from Wednesday 27th of November to Monday 2nd December, a timetable for this will be sent by email to you.