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Weekly Newsletter

Diary Dates 2019-2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
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>		
Monday 6 th January	9.00 am	Pupils return to school

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

Primary 2, 3 & 4 – Tuesday 10th December 11.00 & 2.15

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

Christmas Lunch

The pupils Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 17th December (this is also Riverbank's Christmas Jumper Day). On this day the children can either have traditional Christmas Lunch (chicken, veg, etc) or a vegetarian Christmas lunch, followed by ice cream. There will be no other options on this day so if your child would not like any of these options please give them a packed lunch.

Christmas Parties

We are almost ready for our first Christmas Party, all of the Christmas Parties start at 1.00 pm therefore this will mean some year groups will have an altered lunchtime on their party day. The P1 and P2 children will have lunch at their usual time from 12.00 – 1.00 on their party days. Below are the details of the changed lunchtimes for the children from P3-P7.

Monday 16th December – P3 lunch from 12.00 – 1.00

Tuesday 17th December – P4 lunch from 12.00 – 1.00

Wednesday 18th December – P5 lunch from 12.00 – 1.00

Thursday 19th December – P6 lunch from 12.00 – 1.00

Friday 20th December – P7 lunch from 12.00 – 1.00

On party day, if the children wish to wear party clothes, the children can either take their party clothes to school to change into at lunchtime or they can go home for lunch and change into their clothes.

Christmas Service

We are delighted that we will be joined by The Lighthouse for our Christmas Service on Friday 20th of December at 9.30 am. Unfortunately, due to lack of space, we are unable to ask parents to join us for the service.

Christmas Baubles

Each year rather than sending Christmas cards to each other (we do try to be environmentally friendly) the staff have purchased a paper bauble on which they write their Christmas message to the other staff. This year we have opened this up to include the children and their families. These baubles can be purchased for £1, £3, or £5 and the children can write their Christmas message and have these added to the tree at the front of the school. All funds raised will be split between FROM Scotland and Roxburgh House.

On-line Gaming

We wish to take this opportunity to make parents aware of the issue regarding multi-player gaming. We are increasingly aware of children who are late or absent from school due to gaming late in the evening and sometimes the middle of the night. We are also concerned that children are communicating with strangers on these platforms and may be vulnerable to exploitation. Some children are coming to school very tired due to gaming and this is affecting their academic performance. Parents should ensure that their children have a healthy relationship with gaming platforms that do not affect their attendance or ability to engage in learning when in school. We will be contacting parents directly next term if we continue to have concerns about individual children.