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Diary Dates

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Includes dates from 14th November to 8th January with corresponding school events like 'Photographs being re-taken', 'Nancy's Bingo Night', and 'School Closes at 2.30pm'.

Christmas Parties



To cover the cost of providing a Christmas party for each class, we are asking for £2 per child. The dates of the parties are:

- Rooms 1 & 1a – Thursday 21st December pm
Rooms 2, 3, & 4 – Wednesday 20th December pm
Rooms 5 & 6 – Monday 18th December pm
Rooms 7 & 8 – Friday 15th December pm
Rooms 9 & 10 – Thursday 14th December pm
Room 11 & 12 – Tuesday 19th December pm

Letters with more information will follow shortly.

Christmas Wish Tree

Over the past few years we have noticed that we are putting more and more Christmas cards in the bin on the last day of term and, as an Eco School, we have been trying to think of a fun alternative for the children rather than bringing in lots of cards. This year, we are introducing Udston's first ever Winter Wishing Tree and we would like to invite children to purchase a special tag for 50p which they can decorate, write a special Christmas message on, and hang on the tree.



Extra-Curricular Programme

We now have many extra-curricular clubs running throughout the week, either before or after school, as well as during lunch time. A lot of time and effort goes into the organising and running of these clubs with teachers giving up their own time to provide pupils with a wide variety of activities.

A great deal of time is being spent during extra-curricular clubs looking for/ phoning home to locate pupils who have not turned up. We appreciate that appointments may occur, but we ask that if they do, you send a letter in with your child, or phone the school office, informing us that they will be absent from the club that day.

The number of pupils attending extra-curricular clubs is fantastic and we want to make their experiences as valuable and enjoyable as possible. Thank you for your support.

Christopher Rankine, minister at Hillhouse Parish Church will continue to support religious observance at various points throughout the year, e.g. Christmas and Easter, as well as supporting school community events.

Under the terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, parents / carers have the right to ask for their children to be withdrawn from religious observance and / or religious and moral education.



Our October Book Fayre was our most successful one to date, giving us £938 commission to spend on Scholastic resources. This makes a huge difference, so thank you!

Adverse Weather Plan

Now that we are truly in the winter weather period, please familiarise yourself with the school's Adverse Weather Plan, which is on the website as well as on the Noticeboard at the front office.

House Crests

A huge well done to everyone for their fantastic House Crest designs, the House Captains had a very tough job choosing! We are delighted to announce the winners:

1st place:

- Wellcroft- Brody Lennox
Belhaven- Zac O'Donnell
Fleming- Bailey McMahon
Kelvin-Torrance Allan

2nd place:

- Wellcroft- David Graham
Belhaven- Danielle Berry
Fleming- Chloe Craigan
Kelvin-Jamie McBennett

3rd place:

- Wellcroft- Macy Johnston
Belhaven- Mia Reynolds
Fleming- Teighan Gray
Kelvin- Zoe-Jane Brazill