



EDUCATION RESOURCES
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a short but busy week in school, and the children have adapted well to the mix of indoor and outdoor playtimes despite the wet weather. To help them stay comfortable, please make sure they have suitable clothing for the changing conditions, along with a spare pair of socks tucked into their school bag. Thank you for your continued support, it helps keep the children happy and ready for learning.

Social Media and Website

The Parent Council has asked us to review our social media presence and website. Please share your views using the link <https://forms.gle/yAEKoimbcuMHFsv77>.

Pantomime Trip – Friday 12th December

On Friday 12th December, the whole school will be attending a performance of *Jock and the Beanstalk* at the Pavilion Theatre. This is an afternoon performance and we expect to return to school around 4.30pm. If you know your child cannot attend, please let the office know as soon as possible so that we can cancel their ticket with the theatre.

The cost of the ticket is £17. A ParentPay option will be available for families to make a contribution of between £12 and £15, with the school covering the remainder of the cost. If this presents any financial difficulty, please contact Shona Cameron in confidence.

We are very grateful to our Parent Council, who have kindly agreed to fund the cost of the coaches. This generous support ensures pupils can travel safely and comfortably, while also reducing travelling time.

Parent Council Poll – Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our Parent Council poll on how funds should be spent. We had a fantastic response, with parents sharing their thoughts across a range of areas including learning and classroom resources, sports and outdoor learning, creative arts and music, digital equipment, and trips and wider experiences.

As a result of this feedback, the Parent Council are not only funding the coach for our upcoming pantomime trip but are also purchasing PM Oracy resources to support literacy, as well as “chuckies” to enhance our outdoor learning developments.

Your input is invaluable in helping us make decisions that benefit all our pupils, and we're excited to see these resources put to great use.

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PE Arrangements – Term 2

As we head into Term 2, our two hours of weekly PE will be balanced across the term to make room for Nativity and Christmas show rehearsals.

This means your child will still receive their full PE entitlement over the term, while also having the opportunity to fully participate in the festive performances.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Beat the Street Competition

The *Beat the Street* competition is running until Wednesday 29th October, so there's still plenty of time to collect points for our team!

At the moment, we are sitting in 10th place overall across Cambuslang and Rutherglen, and an impressive 2nd place in the school league.

With everyone's continued effort, it would be fantastic to maintain, or even improve, our position. Keep up the great work!

OPAL Donations

Mr Hamilton is looking to expand our play resources with some extra Lego or construction blocks for pupils to enjoy during break and lunch times. If you have any sets at home that are no longer being used, we would be very grateful for your donations.

Big Build in the Playground

Today we had our "Big Build" in the playground, with Mr Duffy, Mr Hamilton, and a parent helper spending the day creating and assembling some exciting new resources for the children to enjoy. A huge thank you to Mr Murray for giving up his entire day to help out in the rain!

We'll be holding another Big Build next Friday. If you're able to help in any way, please get in touch with Mr Hamilton.

Acting Depute Head Teacher

This week, we held interviews to appoint an acting Depute Head Teacher during Ms Miller's absence. We are delighted to announce that Mr Tom Hamilton was successful and will be taking on this role. We are waiting for a teacher being allocated to West Coats PS to cover Mr Hamilton's teaching commitment.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday.

Kind regards

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