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# Gorebridge Primary School

December Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends of Gorebridge Primary,

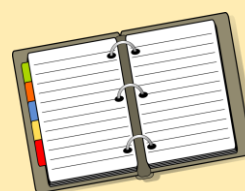
Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter. Now we are into our final week of term I would like to provide you with an update of what has been going on and what is due to go on in and around the school.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to learners returning on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

## Reminder for Parents/Pupils

- With the weather becoming colder children will still go outside to play. In the school we have limited spare clothes for girls and boys. If possible please provide a change of clothes and indoor shoes in your child's bag. Please also remind your child to bring an outdoor jacket with them every day.
- Please remember to pay online for school lunch unless your child receives free school meals
- Please be aware that the 3 disabled parking bays to the front of the school are for blue badge holders only. These are not drop off spaces.
- Please be aware that no dogs are permitted in the school grounds at any time.
- Please remind your child to bring their water bottle into school each day. We also encourage a healthy snack.
- We aim for high standards in all aspects of school life including uniform. It is smart, hard wearing and good value for money and gives our pupils a sense of belonging to our school family, and we ask all parents/carers to support the school by encouraging your child to wear school uniform. All school uniform/coats bags and water bottles should be named. If your child has lost an item of clothing Lost Property boxes are in each atrium and can be checked at the end of the school day.
- Please remind your child if they do not attend breakfast club that in the morning they should be using the atrium doors and should only come through the office if the playground gates are locked (usually around 9:00am). All bikes and scooters should be left in the racks provided and not left outside the office door

## Dates for your diary:



*Christmas Term Ends Friday 22nd  
December -12:25pm Pupils Resume  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024*



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### The Following School Activities have taken place over the last few weeks

- Active School Basketball Festival
- Boccia Festival
- P3/4 & P4 visited Museum
- M&M production
- P1 & P2 Nativity
- A visit from Santa
- Christmas Lunch

## Museum P3/4 & P4M

P3/4 and P4M had a visit to the National Museum to further their learning and understanding of Ancient Egyptians. What an experience they had.



## Basketball Festival



Our team took part in the Active School Basketball Festival in November. Our team showed great enthusiasm and our team work and sportsmanship was outstanding. The team were unbeaten and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the festival. Everyone had fun



## Boccia Festival

On Tuesday 14th November, Clark (P2), Lucy (P2), Lenny, (P3) & Hollie (P5) took part in Midlothian Active School's Boccia Festival. We had a great morning at St. David's High School and learned lots of new skills whilst having fun and meeting people from schools all over Midlothian. Thank you to our lovely parent helpers for coming with us - we will be starting a Boccia club in the school in the New Year.



## Active Schools

This term has been filled with different sports clubs and competitions. It has been great to offer so many opportunities to the children and greater still to watch them take part, improve their skills and achieve their goals. There will be even more to come next term and more opportunities for the younger children too!





## Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need, we raised a fantastic amount of £298.21. A huge Thank You to all our families for your continued support.



## Chess Event

Thank you to Stobhill PS for being involved in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Chess Event. It was wonderful! The feedback from the children participating was super positive. We look forward to organising more events early next year.



## Sleeping Beauty Pantomime

### Whole School

The whole school had a fantastic afternoon on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November with M&M production visiting the school and performing Sleeping Beauty.

# Sleeping Beauty

Big thank you to Harbro Ltd for our lovely Christmas trees. Gorebridge PS getting into the festive spirit.



## Nativity P1 & P2

Primary 1 and 2 have spent the last few weeks rehearsing for their Whoops a Daisy. We were delighted to welcome parents through the door for a live performance of our production.





## **School Christmas Lunch**

The whole school enjoyed Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to Kelly and her team in the kitchen for making this a special day for the children.



The whole school enjoyed a visit from Santa. Thank you to the PTA who organised this.



## **Friday Family Breakfast**

Thank you to all who have attended our Friday Family Breakfast this has been a huge success and we look forward to seeing you every Friday. The last Family breakfast for this term will be Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and will resume on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 8:15am-8:50am.



## **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club is open Monday – Thursday for Primary 1- Primary 7. All children in P1-P7 are welcome to come along and have some breakfast and play some games before the school day starts. The last breakfast club for this term is Thursday 21st December. Breakfast club will resume on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 8:15am-8:50am.



## A Message From Mr Wood

It has been a really busy term with classes engaging in lots of fun activities. The run up to Christmas has been really exciting with many events and performances. I would like to give a special mention to the children and staff who put together our Nativity. The performances of 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' were excellent with talented speakers, singers, actors and actresses on show. The visiting audiences definitely appreciated the performances. In addition to this, classes have taken part in class parties; our Choir has visited Newbyres Care home and the ELC hosted a lovely singalong for the children and their families. All of this has contributed to everyone feeling festive and ready for the joy that Christmas brings.

### Staffing updates

We have been successful in recruiting a new Principal Teacher, Mrs Aitchison, we look forward to her joining us on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2024.

We would like to wish Mrs Nicholas and Mrs Muir good luck as they embark on their maternity leave in the New Year. Joining us soon will be two new learning assistants, Ms Bargon and Mrs Jamieson.

I would like to wish you all a brilliant Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year. We are all looking forward to January and have high hopes for 2024. Thank you for your continued support this year past.

Best wishes to you and your family,

Mr Wood

