

Remembrance Day

Thank you to all parents and families who attended our Remembrance Day Morning led by our Primary 7 pupils. Thank you to all who donated home baking to support the event.

Primary 7 would like to say that they raised over £130 from this event. Monies raised will be shared between a donation to Poppy Scotland and supporting our P7 Camp.

Storehouse Collection Christmas 2017

As a school we are supporting Storehouse Newbattle this Christmas. Storehouse will provide Christmas hampers and foods for families in our community over the festive period. If you would like to donate, please hand in your donations to your child's class teacher, or to the large collection box in our school foyer.

A reminder that we are looking for the following items:

Cereal	tinned meats	tinned fruit	rice pudding
Custard	biscuits	Christmas items	

Thank you for your support.

Christmas at St Luke's

We have attached an overview of some events leading up to Christmas in school this year. Please note that these may be subject to change.

Our Parent Council is very kindly donating a small snack and drink to all pupils for our Pantomime this year, so pupils do not need to bring in anything from home.

Please note that our last day in school is Friday 22nd December. The school will close at 12 noon for all pupils.

Please note that pupils return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

Cover Photo

Our P1 pupils are 'Architects of the Future' following their amazing house designs as part of their recent home learning.

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Parent Consultations

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who attended our Parent Consultations in November. Thank you to all of those parents and carers who completed our parental engagement survey on the night. We are currently collating our results and will let you know the outcome of this as soon as we can.

We have identified a significant number of parents who would like to volunteer in school. We will be holding an informal session for these parents to find out more about how they would like to volunteer and when. We will contact these parents directly to arrange this .

We have also identified a number of parents who are interested in attending or leading a coffee morning session for families in school. We will also be contacting these parents directly to meet and see how we can move this exciting initiative forward.

If you have not indicated an interest in either of these opportunities but would like to become involved, please contact our school office, or speak to Mrs Walker or Mrs Hadden directly for more information.

Parent Council Christmas Fayre

Our Parent Council are currently working hard to organise our annual Christmas Fayre. They are still looking for a range of items to support in their planning of the event. These include:

- Bottles of wine or spirits
- Individual bottled toiletries
- Toiletry gift sets
- Chocolates
- Home Baking

All families have been given a set of raffle tickets to sell to support our Parent Council in supporting our school. A large range of prizes are available. Raffle tickets and monies should be returned to school where they will be collated by the Parent Council. Thank you in advance for your support.

STEP

Our school is currently an example of excellent practice in STEP. STEP is a physical literacy programme that we are currently piloting in our school.

Last week, our school discussed the success of the programme in our school with Deputy First Minister, John Swinney.

We have also hosted a visit from the Strategic Director of Education Scotland, who discussed the programme with staff and pupils.

Our school regularly has visitors from across Scotland watching our pupils and learning assistants in action with the programme. Our school will also be visiting West Lothian and hosting a 'Sharing Excellence' event in the coming weeks to showcase our school's journey with this programme/

For parents of pupils currently participating in the STEP programme in school, we intend to have an open morning soon after Christmas for parents to see the programme in action. More information will follow.

Staffing Update

Following recent interview, our new Support for Learning Teacher, Mrs Pentland is due to start in school, just before our Christmas break.

Mrs Tait has recently started in school as our Hone School Practitioner. Mrs Tait will work across both primary schools on our campus and is funded as part of our Pupil Equity Funding.

Initially, Mrs Tait will be supporting both schools in increasing attendance and reducing lateness. Mrs Tait's role will be to support families in ensuring our pupils are in school and to develop home- school relationships.

Miss Gilzean, our new playground assistant has started in school and is beginning to establish relationships with pupils across the school.