

Hatton (Cruden) School Newsletter

December 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

In no time at all Christmas is upon us! Not sure where the time has gone! Here are some important updates and dates for your Diary.

Please note our last day of school is Thursday 21st December as we are off on Friday 22nd December for an occasional holiday.

Adverse weather

Please keep an eye on the Aberdeenshire message service on the website (<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/Schools-Closures/>) for updates as your first port of call. This is detailed in the adverse weather letter. Safety of staff and children is paramount when making decisions on transport and school closure. The school will update you as soon as we get any information so, please be patient. Keep an eye on local weather updates as any ice, flooding or snow could impact on if and how children and staff get to school. Thank you.

Winter clothing

The weather is turning colder and as ever, is very unpredictable! Please make sure your child has a suitable coat and any accessories for the weather (hat, scarf, gloves etc) and that these have your child's name clearly marked so that if any go astray, we can get them back to you.

Aberdeenshire Council can, in some circumstances, provide a grant towards the costs of school clothing and footwear if you receive certain benefits.

Details can be accessed here: [School clothing grants - Aberdeenshire Council](#)

Google Classroom Sign-up Session

As part of our school improvement plan for this academic session we wanted to develop a new profiling system to share our pupils' learning. We would now like to provide you with an opportunity to learn more about what profiling is, the features of google classroom and support you in getting signed up. The session will guide you through logging into Glow, navigating the launch pad and then accessing and using Google Classroom. You are welcome to come to our school on Tuesday 12th December at Hatton (Cruden) School at 5pm. I will share more about what pupil profiling is and Miss Clueit will support you in getting signed up to this online platform. Please complete the Microsoft form below to attend and also to confirm the email address you would like to use if you would like to be added to your child's Google Classroom.

<https://forms.office.com/e/mqK4hvRvqf>



IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday 13th Dec
Christmas Concert
(Afternoon)

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Monday 18th Dec
P4 – P7 Christmas
party (afternoon)

Wednesday 20th Dec
P1 – P3 Christmas
Party (afternoon)

Thursday 21st Dec
-Last day of term
-Christmas Jumper
Day

Monday 8th Jan
-First day of term 3

Thanks to our Parent Council

Thank you to the Parent Council who have made this Christmas a bit more special at Hatton with the additional of a real Christmas tree! A big thank you as well for paying for our entire school to go to the panto and purchasing Santa hats for our recent Christmas lunch, it is very much appreciated.

Christmas Parties

The P4-7 Christmas party will be held on Monday 18th December in the afternoon and the P1-3 Christmas party will be on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th December. Children can come to school in party clothes on the day of their party but please make sure their clothing and footwear is appropriate for the weather.

Christmas Shows

Our P1/2 and P2/3 pupils will perform a new production this year called, "Born in a Barn." During the show the animals in a Bethlehem stable become very excited to realise that there is a baby in their barn! The other classes will also perform traditional Christmas songs and poems. There will be three different performances so that we can cater for all requirements as best we can, and these will be ticketed due to health and safety restrictions on numbers in the hall. We have already had a fantastic Dress Rehearsal last week and can't wait to see what the final performances will be like. The second and third performances will be for adults only and will be on **Wednesday 13th December at 2pm** and also again on **Wednesday 13th December at 6pm**. If you would like your child to walk home after the evening performance (which will end at approx. 7:10pm) then please complete the Microsoft form below, by **Tuesday 12th December 2023**. If we do not have permission for your child to walk home, then they will need to be collected from the school.

<https://forms.office.com/e/wDB8CVhv2Y>

Christmas Jumper Day

On the last day of term (Thursday 21st December) the school will have a dress down Christmas jumper day. We are asking for a donation of £1 per child which will be used towards the costs of developing new play areas within our annexe building. Please note this is a different date to the national Save the Children Christmas Jumper day which we have decided **not to** participate in.

Christmas themed Sponsored Walk

We have planned a Christmas sponsored walk to support our efforts in raising funds to pay for 5 new Clever Touch Screens. The sponsored walk will take place on **Tuesday 19th December 2023** during school time. On this day your child can come to school in non-uniform in Christmas themed attire. The oldest child per family will be coming home with their sponsored form today and we request that sponsored donations are taken into the school by **Thursday 21st December 2023**. I would like to thank you all for your continued support. It will be very excited to reach this goal and provide each class with a clever touch screen.



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