



**Carrick Knowe Primary School  
Newsletter  
December 2020**



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Dear Parents & Carers,

As we near the end of this term we are looking forward to a Christmas which no doubt will be very different to any Christmas we have experienced before. On behalf of the whole CKPS team I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year, however that looks for you and your family.

I truly hope that 2021 brings some sense of normality back to our lives as we tentatively begin to see a light at the end of a very long tunnel.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for the support they have shown our school since we returned in August - it has been much appreciated and has helped us keep our whole school community safe.

A reminder that children will return to school on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021**, as Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January is a Staff Development Day for staff.



**Dates for your diary!**

**11<sup>th</sup> December** ~ Robin Hood Online Panto & Christmas Jumper Day.

**14<sup>th</sup> December** ~ Rapunzel On-line Panto.

**16<sup>th</sup> December** ~ Last day to buy raffle tickets (via Parent Pay) for the Christmas Raffle.

**17<sup>th</sup> December** ~ School Christmas Lunch.

**18<sup>th</sup> December** ~ *Christmas Raffle Draw will be available to watch on the school website.*

**22<sup>nd</sup> December** ~ Finish for Christmas Holidays.

**Pick up times for classes were sent in a separate letter.**



**Christmas Parties**

Class teachers will send dates and times via Learning Journals but here is an overview of when class Christmas parties will take place.

Food and drinks provided for children will be pre-packaged. **Children can come to school that day with their party clothes on. We would discourage parents from taking children home for lunch to get changed into party clothes if their party is in the afternoon.**

Nursery - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - am

P1A - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - pm

P1B - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - pm

P2A - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - pm

P2B - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - pm

P3A - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - pm

P3B - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - pm

P4A - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - am

P4B - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - am

P5A - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - am

P5/6 - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - pm

P6A - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - pm

P7A - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - pm

P7B - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December - pm



**Reminder - Christmas Jumper Day/Online Pantomime**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December will be Carrick Knowe PS Christmas Jumper Day. Children and staff are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers, Santa hats, Rudolph antlers etc, etc. This is purely for fun and not a fundraising event, so no money is required! We will also watch the online pantomime - Robin Hood - on this morning in our classrooms. Children can bring a snack and drink to have while watching the pantomime.



**PANTO TIME!**

BIG PANTO GUIDE

We also have Rapunzel, the online pantomime from the Brunton Theatre available for classes to watch on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.



### Christmas Film

In the last week of term, each class will have the opportunity to watch a Christmas film together. Again, the class teacher will make you aware of the exact date. We will provide a snack for the children to have while watching the film.



### Headlice

We have been informed that there have been a number of cases of headlice in school over the past few weeks. Please remember to check your child's hair on a regular basis. As you will be aware, headlice are passed extremely quickly and easily between children. Information leaflets are available via NHS, on-line and from Pharmacies.



### Book Week Scotland

Earlier in November, we had a very successful 'Book Week Scotland' with lots of different reading challenges, competitions and just reading for enjoyment. This culminated on the Friday of that week with many amazing costumes of favourite book characters. Thank you to everyone who made this such a success and a special thank you to Miss Inglis for coordinating the different activities during Book Week.

### Thank you!!!!

Earlier in the month, it was suggested that instead of Christmas gifts for school staff which would need to be quarantined etc, if they wished, parents could donate to the Social Bite charity which provides meals for homeless people. To date we have received donations of nearly £600 which is an amazing amount and will make a huge difference to those who need it. I personally would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who has donated - it reminds

us of the true spirit of Christmas and really reflects our CKPS value of kindness.

If you still wish to donate, you can do so through ParentPay until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.



### Finally.....

Many of you may have seen this message before - however it is good to revisit to remind us what is important.



### A letter from your child's teacher

*Dear parents and carers at Christmas, I know at this time of year there is pressure to create a perfect, magical Christmas. I know that you want to give them the magic of Santa and ensure he brings the best gifts and sometimes that means a bit of stress for you, but I'm writing to tell you a secret. I'm writing to tell you that every January when your child comes back to school they tell me about the Christmas holidays. They tell me about the days when you all stayed indoors and watched TV together. They tell me about the walk in the freezing cold to get a McDonald's. They tell me about staying at Grandma's and then being excited when you came back from work. They tell me about how you let them snuggle in your bed. They tell me about how you played cards and board games with them. They tell me how they were allowed to stay up until midnight on New Year's Eve. They tell me about how they loved staying in their PJs some days and a trip out another day. They mention their gifts but for them Christmas is you and your love and time and routines and feeling safe. You are their favourite thing - spend more time and less money. Merry Christmas from your child's teacher.*



If you have any questions, queries or concerns,  
please come and speak to us!

As always, please let us know if you, or anyone you  
know, requires school information in a different  
language.



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*"Maybe Christmas" he thought, "doesn't come from a store. Maybe  
Christmas.....perhaps.....means a little bit more!"*

*Dr Seuss*