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Dear Parents/Carers,

SPORTSHALL CHALLENGE WINNERS

Many congratulations to our P6 athletics team who for the third year running have won the NE Area Sportshall Challenge. The team now progress to the final on 12th December, which Garrowhill have won for the last two years! I am sure you will join us in wishing them the very best of luck. Well done everyone!



WINTER SICKNESS BUG

Over the last week we have seen many children and a few staff struck down with the winter vomiting virus. Should you or your children become ill, please follow the guidance issued by the NHS and remain at home for 48 hours after your symptoms end. This will help control the infection. Staff across the school will also be reminding children regularly about the importance of hand washing and 'catching it binning it!' guidance.



SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

Many years ago burgundy was introduced as the school jumper colour to reflect the school colours in our badge. Over the last 16 years this has been increasingly promoted as the school jumper/sweatshirt colour and has for many years been the only colour of jumper/cardigan available to order through the badged uniform ordering process. The option of grey jumpers had been retained as a means of supporting transition for parents. However, it is fair to say that this has been a lengthy transition period and two colours of jumper is not uniform, it leads to confusion especially for new parents and staff and I include myself in that group! In recent surveys of our children it has been made clear to us that approx. 95% own and wear a burgundy jumper for school and some have both colours. To promote uniformity and alleviate confusion, the option of a grey jumper will be removed from spring 2017 and our handbook will be updated accordingly.

Please be very clear; no one is being asked to spend money at this time replacing grey jumpers if they do not have a burgundy one and no child will be 'victimised' for wearing a grey jumper. All staff in the school very much appreciate the expense involved in bringing up children and clothing them for school.

What we are asking is that when the time comes to replace worn out or outgrown school wear, then burgundy jumpers should be purchased.

We have checked with Asda, Tesco and Marks & Spencer who all confirm they hold regular stocks of burgundy school knitwear at prices ranging from £2-£12. These stores do not stock the tank top which is preferred by many but Cowgate Retail who supply our badged items can supply this for those who wish.

As we move into 2017, we will be entering into discussions with Tesco to offer an on-line ordering system for our badged uniform items which we hope will reduce the cost for parents. As these discussions progress, I will keep you informed. In the meantime if you do need to order uniform, the next delivery date will be in January after school returns.

Diary Dates

Carol Concert in school
5th December - Ticket holders only

5th December: Hopscotch Theatre Company visiting school.

Carol Singing at St. Enoch Centre - Senior Choir
12th December 1pm - 2pm

Sportshall Challenge Finals
Monday 12th December

Christmas Services in Mure Memorial Church
Tuesday 20th December
P1 - P3 11.00 a.m.
P4 - P7 1.30 p.m.

Christmas Parties
Thur 15th Dec - P2 & 3
Fri 16th Dec - P4, 5, 6 & 7
Mon 19th Dec - P1

Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 16th December

Christmas Lunch
Monday 19th December

Christmas Break
Close Wednesday 21st Dec @ 2.30 pm
Re-open Thursday 5th January, 2016

9th January
P1 Enrolment week



ALADDIN - HOPSCOTCH THEATRE COMPANY

All classes will attend a performance of Aladdin on Monday 5th December in the school Assembly Hall at 1.45pm. The cost of the performance is being met from school funds as is the cost of our Christmas parties. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed to our school fund during our recent fundraising event.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Our Carol Service will take place in the assembly hall on Monday 5th December at 9.30 am. Due to limited seating space only parents/family who already have a ticket should attend.

On the day, children can decorate their school uniform with a piece of tinsel or wear a Christmas hat/hair band/bauble if they wish. Unfortunately there are no tickets left for this event.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Our Christmas Services take place on Tuesday 20th December.

Parents and family of P1-3 pupils are welcome to join us in Mure Memorial Church at 11 am for our P1s' presentation of 'The Sleepy Shepherd'.

Parents and family of P4-7 children are invited to attend church at 1.30 pm on the same day for our P6s' presentation of the Christmas Story.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend our Christmas Services this year as I have been called out to Associate Assessor training with HMIe. This training date was issued after we had agreed our Christmas dates and we could not make any changes. Mr Young will lead the celebrations on the day and I will be sad to miss what is always a very special day in our school year.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

This year's Christmas parties will take place as follows:

Thursday 15th December:	All Primary 2s and 3s
Friday 16th December:	All Primary 4s, 5s, 6s and 7s
Monday 19th December:	All Primary 1s (we are very hopeful of a special visitor!)

On the day of their class party children **do not need** to wear their school uniform but can, if they wish, wear party clothes. Each class will have time in the hall to dance and take part in games as well as social time with their own teacher in class. We hope everyone has a lovely time.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

This year Iona house have the responsibility of organising our participation in Christmas jumper day on 16th December. The Iona Captains are planning a Christmas film afternoon which will replace our master classes. Children can choose which film they will view and members of Iona House will be selling small tubs of popcorn for 20p. Children can wear a Christmas Jumper over their school shirt/school polo shirt if they wish, instead of their school jumper.

We are very mindful that families have already donated to Children in Need and we are not asking for £1 donations again for this, the school will make a donation from the funds parents have already raised. However, the money from the sale of popcorn will also go to the charity.

We will send a text reminder of this event a few days before it.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our dining hall will be serving Christmas lunch on Monday 19th December. Please look out for your child's order form for this lunch in the school bag next Monday 5th December.

Please remember that if money is owed to the cafeteria this must be paid in cash to the office. Debts cannot be paid via the re-value machines. It reduces admin in school if all parents can try to ensure that lunch cards are kept topped up especially for P4-7.

CHOIR

Our choir have a very busy month ahead with Mrs Bouch as they are booked to sing carols at various events and hopefully bring Christmas cheer to many elderly residents around the community and beyond.

Thank you for assisting with the preparations for this and supporting the strain of learning so many words!!

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Please remember that school closes on Wednesday 21st December at 2.30 pm and re-opens on Thursday 5th January at 9.00 a.m.

On behalf of all of our staff, thank you for making this another successful and enjoyable year in Garrowhill Primary.

We all wish you a very merry Christmas and hope that 2017 is a healthy and prosperous one.

Yours sincerely,



Linda Logue
Head Teacher

