



Dates for the Diary

January

Thurs 5	Y3 – Y7 children return to school at the normal time
Thurs 5	Open Day for prospective Nursery & Y1 children
Fri 6	Nursery, Y1 & Y2 return to school at the normal time
Thurs 12	7.00pm PTA
Wed 18	CASE – Mr Baird
Thurs 26	7.00pm Y6 Parents – Delamont Information Evening
Thurs 26	7.45pm Y7 Parents – Completing the Transfer Forms
Tues 31	CASE – Mrs Knipe

February

Mon 6 – Thurs 9	Y7 Transfer Interviews (with Y7 teacher & Mr Loughins)
Mon 6 – Thurs 9	P/T Consultations (2.00 – 4.00pm)
Fri 10	School will finish for Y1 – Y4 @ 1.45 & Y5 – Y7 @ 1.50
Mon 20	School starts again at the normal time
Tues 21	CASE – Mr Baird
Thurs 23	7.00 BoG
Mon 27 – Wed 1	Y6 Residential @ Delamont

Nursery & Y1 Applications for September 2023

Once again the application process is online. **The online portal for applications goes live at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 10 January 2023 and closes at 12.00 noon on Friday 27 January.** Further information regarding this process can be found at www.eani.org.uk. If I can be of any help with your application or if you would like to chat to me, don't hesitate to contact me.

On Open Day – Thursday 5 January you will be very welcome to bring your child to visit the nursery unit and/or the school. See below for further information relating to Open Day. We will have a morning session (9.15 – 10.15am) and an afternoon session (1.15 – 2.15pm). Please book a session on Eventbrite and plan to arrive at any time during that session. You should allow approximately 45 minutes to see around the school. (e.g. if you arrive at 10.00am allow until 10.45am to see around the school). Once again, if I can be of any help please don't hesitate to contact me.

Lost Property

The lost property boxes are full and overflowing. We will return any named lost property to the children over the next few days. **Any unnamed lost property will be placed on the stage in the Assembly Hall from Monday 19 – Wednesday 21 December. Please pop in and claim any lost property which might belong to your child.**

Any lost property remaining after Wednesday 21 December will be washed and kept in school.

It is my hope that we will set up a uniform table which parents can then access if they require uniform. There will be no cost to the uniform and parents will be free to take whatever uniform they require. I hope that this will be available at some point in January.



Carol Service

It is just simply great to be able to have our normal events in school again. The Christmas Concerts were fabulous and it was wonderful to see parents and grandparents enjoying the children on stage. The Carol service will take place on Monday 19 December @ 7.00pm in the Presbyterian Church. The children will be singing, reading & playing instruments. Everyone is welcome.

Ho, Ho, Ho It's the Christmas Holidays

School will finish for all children at the following times on Wednesday 21 December.

- 12.00noon Y1 – Y4
- 12.05pm Y5 – Y7



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support so far this year and I hope that you have a lovely Christmas with family and friends.

Term 2 After School Activities

If you haven't had the opportunity yet don't forget to sign up for the after-school activities run by private companies. The information for signing up was sent out with the December Newsletter. The activities take place on a weekly basis as follows:

- Monday - Coding Club & Healthy Kidz
- Wednesday - Irish Dancing & Jujitsu
- Friday - Football & Hip Hop

Our staff led after school activities (Tuesday & Thursday) will re-commence the week beginning Monday 16 January. Once again, the cost of our staff led activities is £4 (50p per session). The 8 sessions will run on the following dates.

- Tuesday 17 & Thursday 19 January
- Tuesday 24 & Thursday 26 January
- Tuesday 31 January & Thursday 2 February
- Tuesday 21 & Thursday 23 February
- Tuesday 28 February & Thursday 2 March
- Tuesday 7 & Thursday 9 March
- Tuesday 14 & Thursday 16 March
- Tuesday 21 & Thursday 23 March

The activities will follow a similar pattern to Term 1.

- Tuesday - Football Y5, Y6 & Y7, Cross Country Y6 & Y7, Art Y4 – Y7 & Netball Y6 & Y7**
- Thursday – Hockey Y4 – Y7, Badminton Y6 & Y7 & Drama & Song Y6 & Y7**

Y6 Delamont Information Evening

I would encourage all the parents **and the children** who will be going to Delamont to come along to the information evening on Thursday 26 January at 7.00pm. Mrs Knipe who is leading the residential will provide information on the activities that the children will be taking part in and also the clothing they will require for the trip. Delamont is a wonderful centre that I have used with school groups on several occasions down through the years. The children are in for a great trip.

Y7 Transfer Information evening & interviews

The Y7 children will be completing their online applications for their Post Primary schools over the next couple of months. It is vital that you complete the application form correctly and accurately ensuring that you include all relevant information, particularly in relation to each school's specific admissions criteria. On Thursday 26 January at 7.45pm Y7 parents are invited to an information evening when I will discuss how to complete the application form and outline the transfer process over the next few months, highlighting key dates.

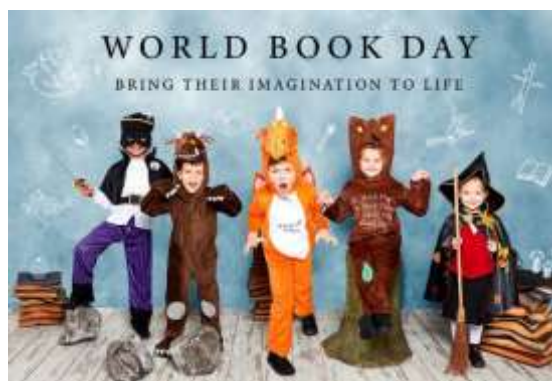
As part of the application process you will also be invited to a short parent/teacher consultation with Mr Addis/Mr Baird and myself. The teachers will update you on your child's progress in class (as they would do every February in parent/teacher consultations) and I will be there to support and advise you regarding the application process.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Parent/Teacher consultations will take place from Monday 6 February to Thursday 10 February. **In order to facilitate the consultations, school will finish for all children at the following times:**

1.45pm Y1 – Y4

1.50pm Y5 – Y7



World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 2 March and we will be thinking about reading and celebrating books. As part of this day we will encourage all children to dress up as their favourite book character. Again, this is a fabulous day which the children really enjoy.