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| November Newsletter |
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Luthermuir Primary School



Upcoming Events

Fri 1st Dec – P6/7 trip to Aberdeen Science Centre Space workshops

Sat 2nd Dec – Marykirk Christmas Coffee morning – Marykirk Village Hall (All Welcome!)

Thurs 7th Dec – PTA Snowman Drive @ 6:30pm school hall

Thurs 14th Dec – Panto trip (am)

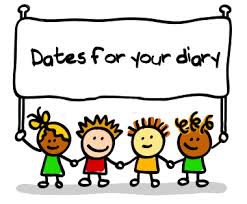
Fri 15th Dec – Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day/Movie Night

Tues 19th Dec – Community Café and Carol Singing  
P6/7 Christmas Party (pm)

Wed 20th Dec –   
P1-3 Christmas Party (am)  
P4/5 Christmas Party (pm)

Thurs 21st Dec – Christmas Church Service @ 11am Luthermuir Village Church

P6/7 Christmas Party (pm)



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| Easy Fundraising Sign up for the Easy Fundraising app and raise money for school funds when you shop online! |

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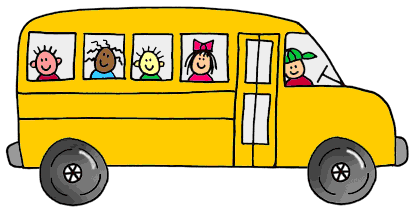
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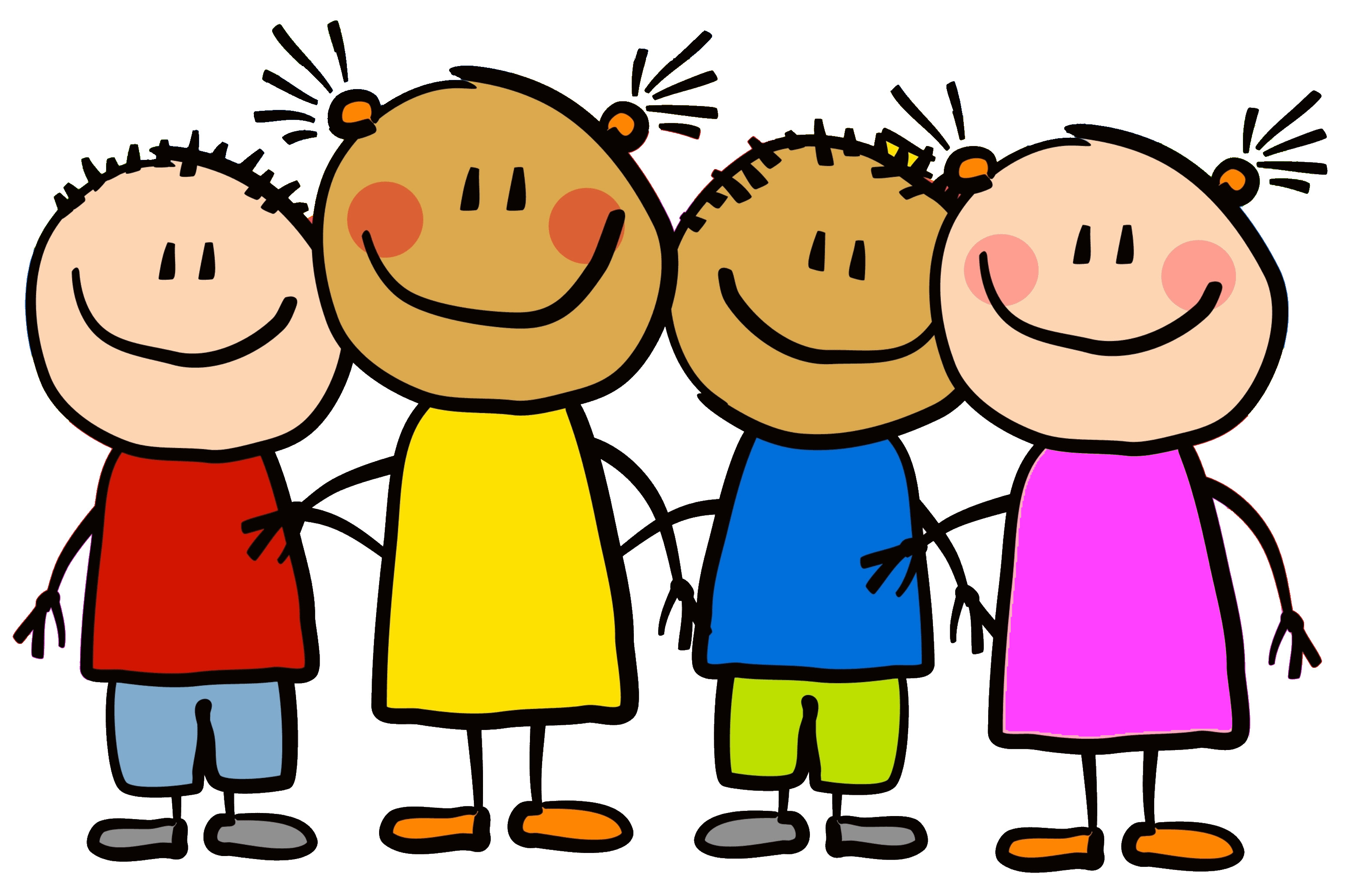
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| Dear Parents/Carers,  Only 25 sleeps until Christmas and even less until the end of Term 2!! As you can imagine the excitement levels are rising and as always staff are planning for a busy and engaging time ahead.  We are aware that it won’t be long before children are writing their Christmas Cards and although we encourage this, as an ECO friendly school, we would like to suggest that children bring in one card to share with their class. Perhaps they could design and make it themselves☺?!  Please take time to have a look at dates for the diary as December is a very busy month of the year for us all!  Fiona Thomson  Acting Head Teacher |
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**Office Hours**

The School office hours are **8.30am – 12.30pm** and **1.30pm to 3.40pm,** **Tuesday, Thursday** and **Friday**. There is limited cover after 12.00pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. Out with these times your call may not be answered but will instead be forwarded to our answering machine which is checked regularly.

**Adverse Weather/School Transport**

With winter weather upon us we would urge you to make sure you are aware of the adverse weather procedures [https://www.online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/apps/Schools-Closures/](http://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/Schools-Closures/)and that all contact information is up to date. You will be informed of any disruptions to school transport on the council website and if you have any questions about school transport or would like to raise a concern, please contact Aberdeenshire Council Transport department on **01224 665196** or alternatively contact the transport company directly.

**School Improvement Plan**

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| School Holidays andIn-Service Dates 2017/2018 Term 2 Ends Fri 22nd Dec  Term 3 begins Mon 8th Jan  Mid term break Thurs 8th – Mon 12th Feb (Inclusive)  In-Service – Tues 13th/Wed 14th Feb  Term 3 Ends Thurs 29th March  Term 4 begins Monday 16th April  May Day holiday Mon 7th May  Term 4 Ends Friday 6th July |

During the November in-service days we were focusing on our school improvement priorities around ‘Learning, teaching and Assessment’ with staff undertaking a variety of training opportunities. We are looking forward to sharing good practice with other colleagues and exploring ideas to take forward in school.

**PTA**

The PTA are holding a Snowman Drive on Thursday 7th December at 6:30pm in the school hall. Entry is £2.50 and can be paid at the door. Come along and join in the festive fun. Raffle and refreshments will be available.

**What’s been happening in our Pupil Participation Groups****?**

**Pupil Council**Our Pupil Council meeting was held in November with Islay Carnegie minute taking – these are now available on the school website. The children discussed several ideas for school improvement which will be addressed throughout the course of the session.

**Pupil Council**

The role of the Pupil Council is to work together to help make our school the best it can be. We will meet regularly to discuss ideas, share problems and decide on the most effective ways to change and improve our school!

**ECO Group**Our ECO group has had two meetings now and have agreed that litter is our main priority at the moment. A litter picking rota is being created and pupils are going to weigh the litter to enable progress to be recorded. A long term action plan will be created next term and will be shared on the school website.

**RRSA**Our RRS group has been working hard to create our school Playground Charter. This has been discussed with pupils, staff and members of our parent council and is now available to view on our school website.

**Christmas Cards**

This year we tried a different company to print the children’s own Christmas cards. We hope you are pleased with your merchandise and would appreciate any feedback to inform our planning for next year. Please email the school and let us know what you thought.

**Achievement Assembly**

The following pupils received a special mention at assembly this month:-

Eirika – persevering at PE with her ball skills.

Eilidh – for sharing her learning of measurement and developing her skills at home.

Logan – for taking great care with his work.

Coral – for always being willing to help in class and for being a good friend when others are upset.

Edward – for superb effort with his homework.

Joseph – for having a growth mindset with his handwriting.

Kerr – persevering in PE with ball skills. Good effort!

Cameron – for explaining maths and Remembrance to others.

Jayden – for 100% effort at tennis, mastering some great shots.

We are trying to encourage our pupils to share and celebrate all learning experiences and opportunities. Please encourage your child to do this by bringing in any achievement awards/certificates, photographs or pictures that demonstrate learning out with the school. It may be a sports award, rainbow/brownie/beaver/cubs badge or simply a photo showing that they can tie their shoelaces. Many valuable learning experiences happen at home and we would like to know about it!

**Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day**

On Friday 15th December we would like to encourage all our pupils and staff to come wearing a Christmas jumper or festive clothing and bring £1 to support ‘Save the Children’. As not everyone owns a Christmas jumper we are suggesting children could come with tinsel in their hair, red/green clothing, sparkles or Santa hats!! Let’s do our bit to help children around the world this Christmas.

Save the Children works to give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. We do whatever it takes for children – every day and in times of crisis – transforming their lives and the future we share.

**Movie Night**

We will be holding a movie night on Friday 15th December from 3:15pm – 5:15pm. The chosen film is ‘Santa Clause 2’ and ticket letters will be issued next week. Please be aware that this film is a **Universal** rating and by returning the slip to request tickets you are giving permission for your child to take part.

**Community Café**

We will be holding our final Community Café and Carol Singing on Tuesday 19th December @ 9:30am. All family and friends welcome.

**Christmas Service**

We are holding a Christmas Service in the church on Thursday 21st December @ 11am. We are delighted to have Reverend John Watson leading the service.

**Christmas Party**

Our Christmas parties will take place throughout the final week of term (please see ‘Dates for the Diary’). Children are welcome to come dressed in their party clothes and can remain in these for the duration of the day.

As always, we value your opinions. Please let us know if you feel we are doing well at something or if there is something you think we could be doing better. You can get in touch by phone 01674 840304 or email [Fiona.J.Thomson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Fiona.J.Thomson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk).

Working in partnership achieves the best outcomes for our young people, our school and our community!

Kind regards,

Fiona Thomson  
Acting Head Teacher