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Dear Parent and Carers,

In the last week, we have seen the strong sense of community which exists at St. Nicholas' Primary.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the members of the PTA and their families, and other helpers who worked tirelessly to organise and host a lovely Christmas Fayre. Events like these require great teamwork and a strong sense of togetherness to make them work. This was evident last Sunday and highlighted a lovely sense of community that exists in our school and is extended to both our parishes.

The work of the PTA has raised almost £700 that will be used to support our school.

Finally, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Fr. John and the congregation at St. Joseph's for accommodating us. We are grateful for this. We hope all those who attended enjoyed the event!

If you have any questions about ongoing events, please contact the school office on 0141 955 2222 or office@st-nicholas.e-dunbarton.sch.uk.

Kind regards,

Martyn Glancy

Head Teacher

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will take place next week.

Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes on the day of their party. Parties will take place from 1pm-3pm on the following dates:

- Wednesday 11th December – p5-p7
- Thursday 12th December – p1-p4

P1-P3 children will have a special visitor to their party where they will receive a small gift.

Staffing Update

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Miss MacInnes will no longer take up the part time teacher post with us. Miss Roisin Weir will now join our St. Nicholas family. She will begin this post on Thursday 12th December.

We pass on our best wishes to Miss MacInnes who begins a full-time position at St. Helen's and to Miss Weir as she begins her post in our school.

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School Show/ Nativity

UPDATE – We have now sold around 470 tickets across all performances. A sheet will be issued w/c Monday 9th December for those wishing any additional tickets. Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis.

Our School Show performances will take place on Tuesday 17th December and Thursday 19th December. Each date will consist of a 1.30pm matinee performance and an evening performance at 7pm.

Tickets can be purchased by completing the form sent home with children and returning this to the school office.

	Classes Performing Nativity	Classes Performing 'Christmas at the Movies'
Tuesday 17 th December - 1.30pm	P1 and P3	P5.1, P6.1, P7.1
Tuesday 17 th December – 7pm	P1 and P3	P5.1, P6.1, P7.1
Thursday 19 th December – 1.30pm	P1/2 and p2	P4, P5.2, p6.2, P7.2
Thursday 19 th December – 7pm	P1/2 and p2	P4, P5.2, p6.2, P7.2

Santa on a Bike - Monday 16th December

All things being well, our school will be visited by Santa on a Bike. This will be weather dependant. We ho-ho-hope you can keep this a surprise for the children as we build the excitement of Christmas!

St. Andrew's Parish Coffee Morning

LAST COFFEE MORNING OF THE YEAR- this **Sunday 8th December**.

Please join us for mince pies, tea/coffee/mulled wine in the Upper Hall after 10am Mass. This month we will be raising funds for the St Nicholas Care Fund.

Last month we raised £494.18 for The White Lily Fund. Thanks to all our wonderful bakers/helpers/parishioners for your continued support and generosity. We wish you all the compliments of the season,

Veronica and David Maguire

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Advent Service at St. Andrew's on Friday 20th December at 6.30pm

We are looking for children to participate in the Advent service at St. Andrew's Parish Church.

We are looking for 12 children who would be available to read prayers at the service. If your child would like to read at the service, please email the school office (office@st-nicholas.e-dunbarton.sch.uk).

On the evening, children will be accompanied by a member of staff. All families are welcome at this event.

Free School Meals and Free Clothing Grant

We recognise that circumstances can change very quickly for families. You can check if you are entitled to free school meals and free clothing grant by clicking on this link.

<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-learning/grants/school-clothing-grant>

Where your child receives free lunches as part of the Scottish Government's scheme for Primary 1 – Primary 5 children, and you still meet the criteria for Free School Meals/ Clothing Grant, I would urge you to apply if you have not already done so.

Please contact me at the school if you have any questions about this.

Key Dates

Date	Event
Monday 9th December	Advent Confessions for pupils – in school
Tuesday 10th December	Advent Confessions for pupils – in school
Wednesday 11th December	P5-P7 Christmas Parties
Thursday 12th December	P1-P4 Christmas Parties
Monday 16th December	Santa on a Bike
Tuesday 17th December	School Show
Thursday 19th December	School Show
Friday 20th December	School closes at 2.30pm
Friday 20th December	Advent Service at St. Andrew's 6.30pm